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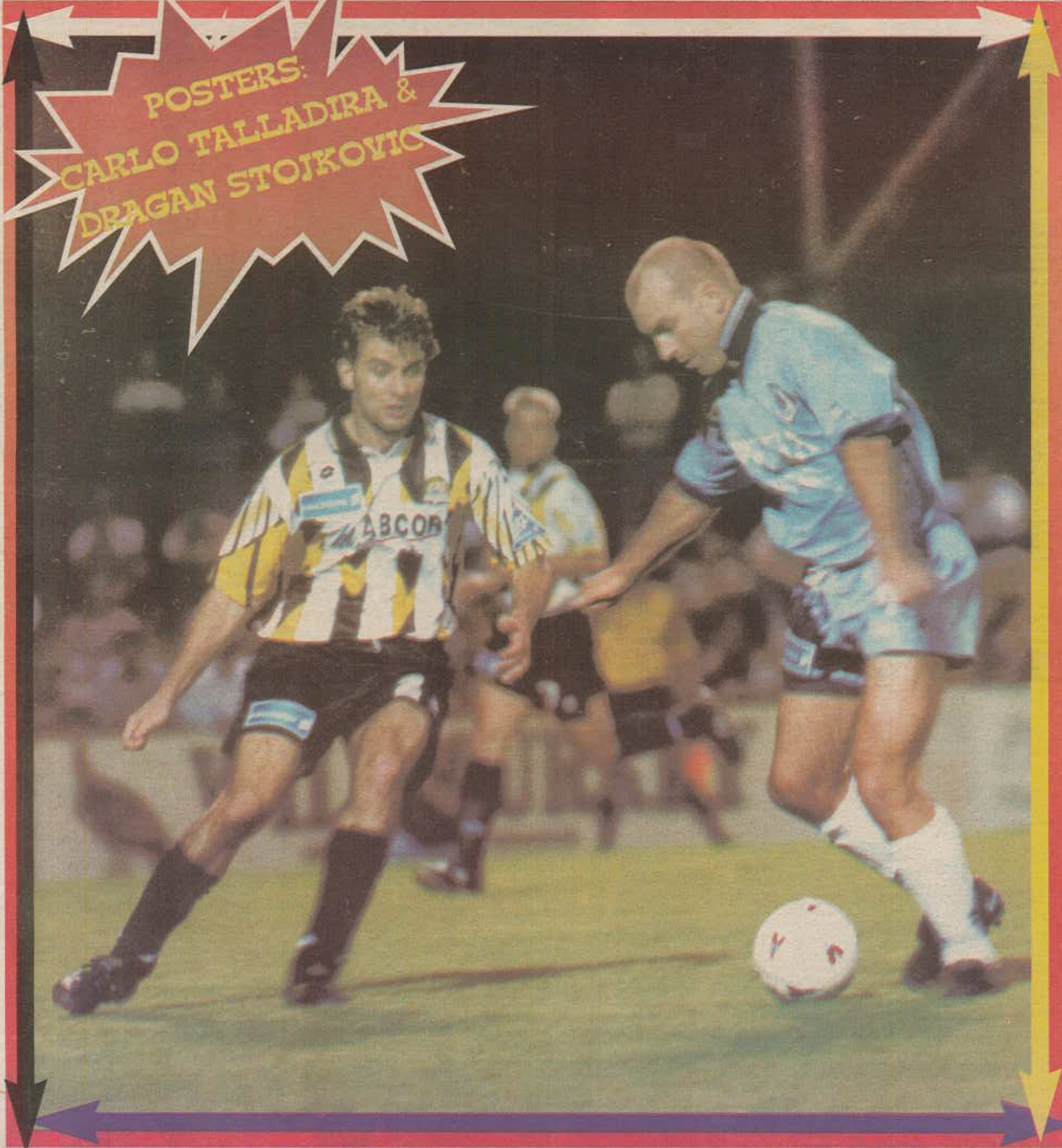
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NEWS FROM AROUND THE CLUBS

Replacements for Thomson



By BOB BROOKS



INTERNATIONAL GAME IN NATION'S CAPITAL

By BOB BROOKS

At 8.00pm on Friday night Tahiti step onto the Bruce Stadium turf to take on Australia. This is the second leg of a tie to decide the Oceania representative at the Confederations Cup in Saudi Arabia.

This newly emerging tournament involves eight countries. Six are their respective Confederation Champions. So far that includes Germany as Europe's top nation. South Africa following their win in the African Nations Cup, Uruguay who emerged triumphant from South America.

Brazil will be there as current World Cup holders. Host country Saudi Arabia will be a tough proposition on their own territory. The champions of Asia and of North and Central America (CONCACAF) make up the eight contestants along with Oceania's representatives.

Fiji provides the referee for the match in Canberra with Intaz Shah the man in charge. He will be assisted by fellow Fijian, Suresh Behari and Lencie Fred. Fred is from Vanuatu and was a smash hit at the Olympic Games earlier this year on the line.

The historic international match will be immediately preceded by Canberra Cosmos against Newcastle Breakers in the Ericsson Cup with a 5.30pm kick off.

The day will start at 3.30pm with a Women's challenge when the ACT Academy of Sport meet the NSW Academy of Sport.

Australia will be under control of Raul Blanco for the second time. He started his temporary assignment in the first leg at the Olympique de Prater Stadium, Papete last Saturday, Tahiti time.

Charlie Dempsey, President of Oceania, will doubtless look on the match with great pride as it will be the first one for the newly created federation held in Australia.

It will be interesting to see if David Hill is as enthusiastically involved after he ill-advisedly opposed the formation at the June FIFA Congress and was overwhelmingly defeated.

Barring injury Tahiti will go in with the same line-up as they had at home. This means that their two French based players will be seen in Australia. Their squad is: Amaru, Appriou, Auraa, Etaeta - (Papeete); Fassain - (New Caledonia); Faura, Fenuaiti, Gation - (Papeete); Heinis - (France); Lucas, Ludivion, Mama, Raumati - (Papeete); Rousseau - (France); Tahitoterai - (Rangiroa); Tauihara, Temati - (Papeete); Teuhira - (Afaahiti); Thauot, Tuairau, Vaitoi - (Papeete); Wong - (Reunion).

Unless Blanco decides on any fine tuning the starting eleven will probably be: Kalac - (Sydney United), Ivanovic and Tobin - (Adelaide City), Hooker - (West Adelaide), Popovic - (Sydney United), Edwards - (UTS), Blagojevic - (UTS), Tapai - (Collingwood), Foster - (Marconi), Trajanovski (UTS) and Trimboli - (South Melbourne). With Wade, Petkovic, Bingley, Polak, Enes and Lozanovski also in the squad.

The departure of Eddie Thomson to Sanfrece Hiroshima in Japan, has certainly inspired many people to speculate on his replacement. There have only been a few names such as Raul Blanco, Les Scheinflug, Ron Atkinson, Kenny Dalglish, Terry Venables, Rale Rasic and Zoran Matic occurring multiple times.

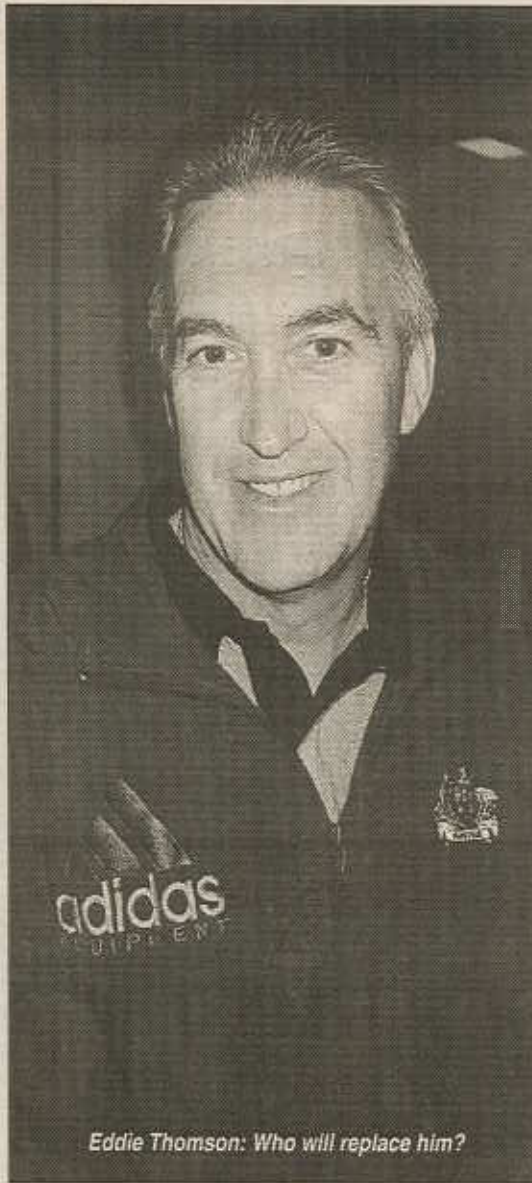
Let us look at some of these suggested candidates Raul Blanco has the responsibility of preparing the Olympic Games team for Sydney 2000. There is no doubt that this is well within the grasp of the man and probably the only motivation he needs to carry out a top job.

An acknowledge expert with younger players, able to instill the necessary discipline for Under 17 and Under 20 year olds to rise from Club football to the international stage. These are the areas of strength of the experienced Les Scheinflug. He would be the first to acknowledge this.

The Champagne bill alone for Ron Atkinson would be beyond Soccer Australia's budget. The snag with him is that he is used to struggling with Coventry, he may have lost the winners streak.

While there is no denying what Kenny Dalglish achieved in the past, first with Liverpool and then at unfashionable Blackburn nevertheless there must be a flaw in his character which forces him to drop out. No one has yet analysed that but it is doubtful if he would want to be 20,000 kms away from his home.

Terry Venables? Could we pay him enough to move all across the World? There is no doubting his ability at the international level which often has to stretch way beyond the training fields and into the



Eddie Thomson: Who will replace him?

corridors of power. How could a green and gold heart and mind but grafted onto a true son of England?

Rale Rasic been there, done that over 20 years ago. Not known for his diplomacy. Anyway has a new life as an inventor.

It was hard enough to prise Zoran Matic away from his business interests and adopted home town of Adelaide, to take over Collingwood. To attempt to move him onto the international stage could be like trying to make Paul Keating sell all his clocks -

impossible.

There is no denying the success achieved year after year at Adelaide City, by Matic. His sides always play good football and attract the uncommitted to match. He has the runs on the board, to borrow a metaphor from another sport.

Maybe some amazingly innovative approach is required such as the Coach in Europe and his assistant in Australia.

How about considering one of Australia's finest overlapping full backs, currently playing in Malaysia? Alan Davidson is his name. On Joe Kinnear of Wimbledon fame. Lube Jancev did a brilliant job at Bankstown before he returned to his former Balkans home.

Whatever the decision it must be made in a pragmatic, hard-nosed manner - no sentimentality allowed.

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STRIKERS REMAIN UNBEATEN

Brisbane Strikers 2

By GLENN DAVIS

Wollongong City 1

Brisbane Strikers continued their fine start to the Ericsson Cup season under new coach Frank Farina, but had to survive a few anxious moments in their hard fought 2-1 win against Wollongong City at Suncorp Stadium on Saturday night.

Goals minutes either side of half time from Farina and youngster Kasey Wehrman were enough to maintain the Strikers unbeaten home record.

Under former coach Bruce Stowell they won 13 games at Suncorp Stadium last year after losing their only match in the opening fixture of the season against Marconi.

The Lang Park cauldron again looks like proving to be a graveyard for visiting teams despite only a mediocre attendance of 3,484 who showed up to urge on the Strikers. Farina could not be happier with the start the Strikers have made this year having gained two wins and a draw from three matches.

Although Wollongong left empty handed, they went with their heads held high as a draw loomed large, until the visitors hit back in the final 20 minutes, after trailing 2-nil.

In the end it was only the woodwork which denied an Antony Surjan strike from 30 metres as well as some

spirited Strikers defending which enabled the home side to hang on.

Wollongong appeared to catch the Strikers by surprise employing a solitary striker from the outset and it took almost the entire first half before the deadlock was eventually broken one minute from the break.

Veteran midfielder Gary Phillips caught out the Wolves defence with a short corner and before the visitors could cover, the ball was in the roof of the net after Farina rifled a left foot shot through a congested goalmouth.

The first half offered few highlights with the midfield battle dominating proceedings and Wolves well in it, until Farina stamped his mark on the game.

Socceroo Sean Cranney was in a dangerous mood in the first half with his speedy runs down the flanks which caused the visitors plenty of heartburn.

After half an hour, he almost dealt Wollongong a cruel blow when the visitors lost possession, enabling Cranney to burst down the touchline before whipping his cross in for Rod Brown, who was making his 300th national league appearance.

Unfortunately Brown, who is second on the national league's all time goal scorers'

list with 122, was off target this time, hitting the side netting.

Cranney, again made his trademark burst down the wing only one minute later, but this time his low cross took a deflection and hit the upright with Farina arriving one stride too late, outstretched foot at the ready.

The second half was only two minutes old when the Strikers extended their lead to 2-nil through 19 year old midfielder Wehrman.

Wehrman, a product of the Queensland Academy, deceived opposite midfielders Sony Sevin and Neil Harlock with a swerve of his hips before snapping a 30 metre low drive which rebounded off the upright and out of the reach of the outstretched hand of Wollongong keeper Brett Hughes.

Brown again was unlucky when at the 55 minute mark, he missed a golden chance with a header, off a Sean Cranney cross.

Wolves skipper Matt Horsley provided the impetus for the visitors comeback with 15 minutes remaining. After a Naumovski shot rebounded off a Strikers' defender, it fell perfectly for him to lob over the head of keeper Clint

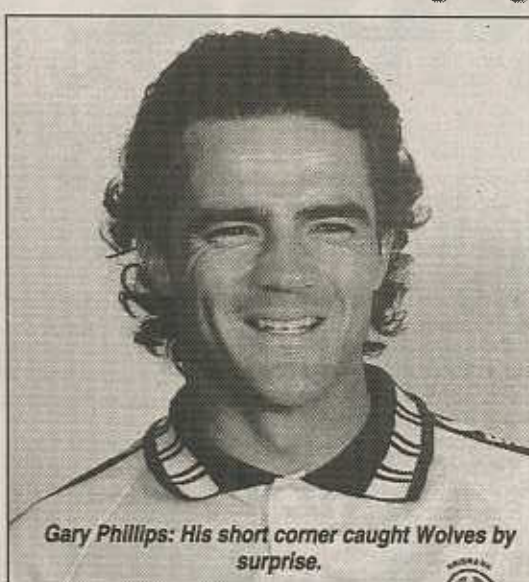
Bolton. Farina was happy with the result but believes his team allowed Wollongong back into the match, once they had established a two goal margin.

"We started to panic a bit there for a while and we dropped too deep," Farina said.

"Our strength has been closing people down but we didn't do that.

"I thought we had got on top of them in the first half and we started well when we pushed on them after half time.

"But once we got to 2-nil we started to drop back too far and that allowed them to come at us and they got a bit excited when they scored."



Gary Phillips: His short corner caught Wolves by surprise.

Strikers: Bolton; Gwynne, Hunter, Phillips, Farina, S Cranney, T Cranney, Brown, Battistin, Knipe (Brayshaw 64), Wehrman.
Wollongong: Hughes, Ceccoli, Van Egmond, Horsley, Sevin, Naumovski, Reda (Lloyd 70), Perinich, Harlock (Joskeski 65), Connolly, Surjan.
Scorers: Bris Strikers Farina (44), Wehrman (47), Wollongong City 1 Horsley (75).
Yellow Cards: Strikers - (Farina 42), Wollongong Connolly (57).
Referee: D. Crawford
Crowd: 3,484
POY: 3-S Cranney, 2-Wehrman, 1-Sevin

Cosmos Remain Pointless

By GRAHAM COOKE

Canberra Cosmos 1 West Adelaide 3

West Adelaide coach Adrian Santrac says he expects six or seven goals this season from defender Hamilton Thorp.

Last Friday at Bruce Stadium, Thorp put himself well on target for that total with two goals in the Sharks 3-1 Ericsson Cup win over Canberra Cosmos.

"We picked him up as a recruit from one of the local teams two years ago," Santrac said.

"He's done his apprenticeship and we expect great things from him."

Thorp was on target with less than a minute gone when he took advantage of a mistake by Canberra's teenage goalkeeper Danny Milosevic.

Then Cosmos hit back two minutes into stoppage time when young striker Peter Buljan got in a cross under pressure for Norman Kelly to goal.

The visitors wasted little time in restoring their lead in the second half. Thorp headed home a goal from a Richie Alagich corner in the 57th minute. Canberra tried to apply pressure - and two minutes from the end paid the penalty, speedy West Adelaide substitute Andrew Borghetto outpacing an overstretched defence to put

Cosmos: Milosevic, Dee, Milin, Watson, Rogie, Garcia, Kelly, Armstrong, Buljan (Howe 78), Grella, Koch.
West Adelaide: Harkness, Thorp, Perin, Slager, Alagich, Castro, Cardozo (Borghetto 83), Kokkinoplitis, Day, Tsekinis, Artone.
Scorers: Cosmos - Kelly (45). West Adelaide - Thorp (1, 57), Borghetto (88).

Yellow cards: Cosmos - Watson (28). West Adelaide - Kokkinoplitis (12), Thorp (24), Day (38), Artone (48), Cardozo (52).
Referee: M. Breeze
POY: 3-Thorp (West), 2-Grella (Cosmos), 1-Tsekinis.

loss.

"We were very naive tonight and got caught with a couple of goals," he said.

"But with my two main strikers Marko Perinovic and Tony Lemezina injured, and the club with no money to buy replacements, we shall just have to soldier on."

the game beyond doubt.

Cosmos coach, Mike Lyons said there was little more that he could do after his team's third consecutive



Hamilton Thorp: Marked his return to top form with two first class goals.

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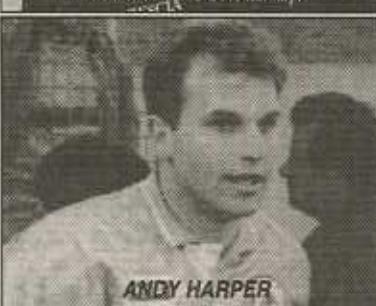
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A BRACE OF GOALS AND A RED CARD

Gippsland

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Marconi-Fairfield came back from two goals down to take a point from Gippsland Falcons with a 2-2 draw after the Falcons finished with nine men in the Ericsson Cup game which produced three red cards.

Gippsland, without a goal to its credit before Saturday's game, smashed its way to a 2-0 lead in the opening 16 minutes and was in complete control until Marconi conjured up a goal five minutes before halftime.

The Falcons still seemed to hold the upper hand when Marconi fullback Brendan Renaud was sent off eight minutes into the second half after committing his second bookable offence with a late tackle on Alex Duric.

The send off lifted Marconi's players but the match was turned on its head within six minutes with

Marconi equalising and Falcons having two players sent off.

Maloney scored the equaliser in the 67th minute hitting a free kick from 25 metres which shaved the underside of the bar on its way into the net.

Referee Gerry Connolly then produced the red card for Willie Hastie and Duric as both players also committed second bookable offence.

Duric had opened the scoring for the Falcons in the 11th minute finishing off a shot from inside the six metre box.

Duric also claimed the second goal five minutes later hitting a shot home from the narrowest of angles after Billy Wright had headed the ball back into the box.

Marconi finally emerged from its shell to pull back in the game with a goal in the 40th minute when Aaron

Gippsland Falcons:

Kouris, Marcina, Canosa, Stergiopoulos (Foy 67), Mangos, Palamiras, Krncevic (Gimenez 78), Duric, Bell, Wright (Masi 60), Hastie.

Marconi Fairfield:

Cutlin, Stanton, Casserly (Souris 67), Harper, Maloney, Ravanello, Holst, Longo, Awaritefe, Renaud, Zoric (Babic 73).

Scorers:

Gippsland - Duric (11, 16); Marconi - Holst (38); Maloney (66).

Yellow Cards:

Gippsland - Canosa (26), Duric (49), Hastie (53); Marconi - Renaud (21).

Red Cards:

Gippsland - Hastie (68), Duric (70); Marconi - Renaud (52).

Referee:

G. Connolly

Crowd:

2,360

POY:

3-Maloney (Marconi), 2-Mangos, (Falcons), 1-Kouris (Fal).



Holst got up to head home from a corner by Brad Maloney.

From then on Marconi went on the rampage and peppered the Falcons goal with shots but somehow the home side hung on to gain its second point of the season.

Falcons coach Frank Arok was far from relieved with the draw. "It was a match we had in our grasp, we should have been three nil up but in the end we've lost two points which is not good enough at home."

Marconi

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Francis Awaritefe: His first full game showed to brighten the team's recovery.

NEW BOYS BASK IN THE GLORY OF FIRST WIN

By JAI McDERMOTT

Newcastle Breakers 1 Perth Glory 3

Perth Glory broke through with their first points in the Ericsson Cup with a 3-1 win over the Topper Breakers last Friday night. Striker Bobby Despotovski led the way with a heroic performance, collecting a double as the Breakers crashed to successive home defeats.

Perth played without the ball for much of the game, relying on counter-attack led by the front-pairing of Despotovski and Paul Strudwick. In truth, the Breakers controlled possession well enough to win but the character of the visitors eventually secured the points.

The Breakers went ahead in the 27th minute when new signing Mark Wilson scored his first goal of the season. Troy Halpin released Young Socceroo Clayton Zane with a clever chip. The burly striker flicked the ball past keeper Tom Maras and looked certain to score but had his shot blocked by Craig Naven. The rebound fell to Wilson who calmly slotted his side into the lead from ten metres.

It took just six minutes for the Glory to reply however, with Strudwick scoring a neat equaliser. Strike partner Despotovski held the ball up brilliantly just outside the penalty box. As his support arrived Despotovski picked out Strudwick with an angled pass, and his cool finish gave keeper Liam Baker no chance.

There was still a stunned silence when Despotovski himself scored just three minutes later. The Breakers failed to deal with a harmless



through pass and the ball found its way to the penalty area. Baker came way out to collect it but was caught out when midfielder Dale Wingell won the challenge. With the Breakers defence in disarray the ball inevitably fell to Despotovski and he smashed the ball home to give his side a 2-1 half-time lead.

Newcastle Captain, Halpin almost equalised in the 64th minute with a scorching volley from twenty metres. Robbie Ironside saw his point blank header cleared off the line just ten minutes later.

As the rain began to fall at Breakers Stadium, Despotovski secured all three points with his second goal. After thwarting another Newcastle attack Glory found Despotovski in midfield. The striker ran aggressively at the Breakers defence and released substitute Vasili Kalogeracos. He appeared to be shut down on the edge of the penalty area but managed to slip a pass back to Despotovski, who

stabbed home the final blow with just five minutes remaining.

Glory coach Gary Marocchi was delighted with his team's performance and claimed 'a thoroughly deserved win'. He praised the courage of his players and was happy to have three points to take home with him. "We shut down their most dangerous player, Troy Halpin, and we were pretty comfortable even though they had us under the hammer there for a while."

John Kosmina described his side as "lacking in concentration and desperation". While he was pleased with some of the chances they had created, Kosmina questioned the desire within his young squad.

"They were much more desperate than us. They cleared four off the line tonight. One guy just threw himself on the line to save in the first half. I can't make a player desperate."

Newcastle Breakers:

Baker, Pryce, Sprod, Ironside, Thomas, Zane, Halpin, McManus, Bennett (James 65), Wilson, Austin.

Perth Glory:

Maras, Beretovac, C Naven, Buljubasic, G Naven, Miller, McVittie, Strudwick (Kalogeracos 80), Despotovski, Ithier, Wingell (Wilkinson 66).

Scorers:

Newcastle - Wilson (26). Perth - Strudwick (31); Despotovski (33, 82).

Yellow Cards:

Newcastle - Halpin (6), Zane (56).

Perth - C Naven (11), G Naven (52).

Referee:

S. Micalcoff

Crowd:

3,750

POY:

3-Despotovski (Perth), 2-G Naven (Perth), 1-Sprod (Breakers).

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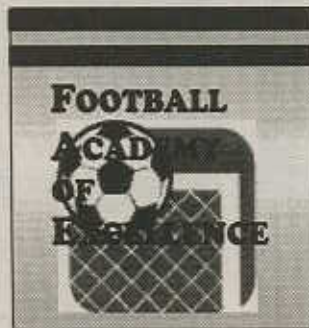
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SOCCEROOS DEMOLISH TAHITI

By TED SIMMONS - AAP

Australia stormed into the box seat to qualify for the rich Confederation Cup final in Saudi Arabia with a 6-0 thumping of Tahiti in Papeete on Sunday, Australian time.

Last minute selection Kris Trajanovski grabbed the opportunity to impress acting national coach, Raul Blanco with a barrage of four consecutive goals.

The teams were meeting in the first leg of the Oceania Nations Cup Final with the second leg to be played in Canberra on Friday.

Trajanovski, who plays his club soccer for UTS Olympic, came into the Socceroo lineup after first choice striker Warren Spink pulled a leg muscle at training.

"We didn't allow Tahiti time or space to do what they wanted and they were unable to recover from the shock of three early goals," said Blanco.

"It was a great effort by the Australians who moved the ball very well and supported

each other in all areas of the ground.

"We stayed with the plan to use Paul Trimboli and Trajanovski as twin strikers and it certainly paid off."

Attacking midfielder Ernie Tapai put Australia on the scoresheet after five minutes when he picked up a rebound from a corner kick and flicked it past the Tahiti keeper.

Trimboli made it 2-0 in the 20th minute when he ran on to a good through ball from Craig Foster and delayed placing his shot until the 'keeper had committed himself to a tackle.

Trajanovski scored his opening goal five minutes later and only needed a further three minutes to put away his second.

His quickness of movement led to the remaining goals one minute before half time and in the 89th minute.

Tahiti had few chances although Socceroo keeper Zeljko Kalac had to dive full length to palm away a Tahiti volley soon after Australia had scored its second goal.



Kris Trajanovski: In action for UTS Olympic. Is obviously on top form with a quartet of goals in Papeete.

Australia: Kalac, Ivanovic, Tobin, Popovic, Blagojevic, Edwards, Hooker (Enes), Tapai (Wade), Foster, Trajanovski, Trimboli.
Scorers: Tapai (5), Trimboli (20), Trajanovski (25, 28, 44, 89).
Crowd: 5,000 (approx).

The Tahitians improved in the second half as the Socceroos relaxed but their only clear chance came midway through the session when the ball was headed over the bar from close range.

Blanco made two changes in the second half, with Robert Enes getting his first run at senior international level to replace Robbie Hooker and Paul Wade taking over from Tapai.

"Tony Popovic was very sound in defence and came well from behind while Trimboli played his usual

clever, intelligent game," said Blanco.

"He has beautiful timing and knows when to hold the ball and then deliver."

"The ground was good and the weather humid but we had a number of chances in the second half which should have been put away."

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Two Australians have decided to bring these techniques to the youngsters of Australia. Leon Gardikiotis studied in Rio de Janeiro at the BFA and was awarded his Advanced Diploma of

Coaching at Senior Level. In addition he has attained a Coaching Certificate from the Sportschule in Cologne, Germany.

This study followed a playing career in Australia and Greece after which he gained his Level 3 in Australia.

Vince Colagiuri has had extensive experience in the National League of Australia. He furthered his education in the USA where he was awarded a Masters degree in Physical Education. Colagiuri then coached young players in the USA before returning to Australia.

The two forward thinkers have set up the Football Academy of Excellence in Sydney. Their Academy is endorsed by Dr Neto. It is

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Facilitators not dictators

Dear Sir,
Well, another season of the Ericsson Cup has begun and guess what? At this early stage it is patently clear that, despite all the off-season changes instituted by Soccer Australia to improve the game, the same old major problem has not been addressed and resolved.

What problem I hear you ask?

Why, the fact that the referees have not been brought up to the necessary standard to complement all other improvements. It is obvious, after watching the referees in the first two Canberra Cosmos games, that the long awaited and hoped for sight of referees actually facilitating a game will not occur this year — to the detriment of the game.

Last year, and during previous years in the reign of the current Director of Referees, spectators have consistently been treated to the sight of referees and their assistants, missing very obvious serious infringements — errors that not only had significant effects on the outcome but also lead to the referees losing control.

As if that was not bad enough, the referees then compounded the problem by trying to reassert their (lost) control through recourse to the old 'Yellow Card Trick' whereby they issued copious cautions for petty and insignificant matters.

In the two games observed this year things haven't changed and spectators have again been subjected to this dictatorial ineptitude. They've featured regular stoppages for lengthy finger waving lectures of players, issuing

Yellow Cards for incomprehensible and inconsequential matters, and generally destroying the game for players and spectators alike.

The single most important requirement for anyone officiating in any game, irrespective of the age or skill standard of the participants, is the ability to relate to the participants. This ability allows the official to facilitate the smooth running of the game but without this ability, participant respect does not exist.

The game does not proceed smoothly. Any official attempting to dictate to participants, as has been seen in Ericsson Cup Games over the last few years, is asking for trouble.

Obviously, and unfortunately for soccer, the current Director of Referees has not realised that referees are there as facilitators of the game, not dictators!

I am, however, rather surprised that Soccer Australia also appears not to have realised this and appointed someone who does!

I therefore ask when the Director of Referees is going to appoint referees to facilitate the conduct of Ericsson Cup games, rather than act as dictators?

More importantly, if he does not do so (and his attitude to date suggests that this will be the case), when is Soccer Australia going to appoint a Director of Referees who will, and therefore bring this extremely important aspect of the game up to the same level as all other aspects?

Phillip Harris,
HOLT, ACT.

Matic the obvious choice?

Dear Sir,
National soccer coach Mr Eddie Thomson has decided to quit the Socceroos for the opportunity to coach Japanese J-League side Sanfrecce, Hiroshima.

Mr Thomson should be congratulated for his tireless efforts in moulding a competitive National team.

The search is on by Soccer Australia to find a replacement for Mr Thomson. Mr Zoran Matic is regarded by many as odds-on favourite to take over the coaching responsibilities.

Mr Matic would seem to be the obvious choice. He has the proven credentials of being a successful coach at club level with Adelaide City and Collingwood. The style of play that Mr Matic preaches to his players would also benefit the game.

Mr Matic is also aware of the 'politics' involved with Australian Soccer. His knowledge of local and

overseas players is also to his advantage.

My only concern is that if Mr Matic is approached by Soccer Australia and if he accepts, who will coach Collingwood? The success of Australia's international team is vitally important. But, the success of a team like Collingwood is almost equally vital for the long term success of our domestic competition.

Soccer in Australia can only benefit from the involvement of Australian Rules and (hopefully) Rugby League Clubs.

It is hoped that Soccer Australia can show some leadership in choosing the next National coach. Unlike their recent efforts over club logos.

Mr Matic would seem to be the obvious choice. But, is he the correct choice?

George Fragos,
CARSELDINE, QLD.

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No Confusion, please

Dear Sir,
On the letters page of the 22nd October was a letter from Paul Williams, of Salisbury, SA.
He is not to be confused with the Paul Williams, SBS Commentator, Sydney NSW.

Smart move by NSW

Dear Sir,
Soccer NSW decision to trim down its competition size in 1997 is a smart move in many ways.

With the Ericsson Cup now overlapping with the NSW Super League competition the influx of NSW players to state teams has dwindled significantly.

By cutting down from 14 to 12 teams, this now allows a better and more even spread of the playing talent available to these clubs.

If reports are correct and Warringah, Rockdale and Illawarra have been in huge financial debt then the decision to cut these clubs is warranted.

Clubs knowing that the avenue to the NSL is now difficult if now impossible should be able

to manage on minimal funds and not splurge out huge amounts of dollars for no gain.

Why on earth would Rockdale, a club with minimal funds pay their coach Rale Rasic up to \$30,000 which is up to three times more than some of the coaches are getting in the State League currently.

The fate of these clubs is in their own hands and maybe a few seasons in first division may help them realise that money isn't always a guarantee of success.

Well done, Soccer NSW and may all clubs learn from the plight of these once successful clubs.

T. Goulding,
HURSTVILLE, NSW.

Fall in love with the game

Dear Sir,
With the advent of pay-TV giving us a wider coverage of football, I think it is a great opportunity for young Aussie players to improve on their technical and tactical skills, both companies provide viewing of the best leagues and players in the world.

One aspect of the game I see rarely in the world and less in Australia is using the 'feint' movement.

If a player wants to get past another he should use all the feints he can think of. It will wrong foot the opponent and use it also when you have the space and run at the opponent.

A defender will tell you, that often that is a difficult thing to combat. Watch some of the older films, people were using the feint more, e.g. Puskas, Di Stefano, Gentile, Cruyff, Matthews and Pele.

These made entertainment out of soccer. Unfortunately we have come to an era when physical prowess and tactical concepts appear to have a dominance over passing skills, passing or 'beating' your opponent that is.

In my opinion, and older fans would probably agree with me, Garrincha was the master of trickery and feint movements. Watching Brazil 'live' on TV in Sweden who would forget the movement on which he kicked the ball against his front leg's heel, as he ran, and when the ball 'bounced' against his other foot's instep it lobbed over his opponent and he ran clear of him! Why

wouldn't you fall in love with the game?

On another note it is good that most of our Soccer officials and players read the readers letters column of this publication.

I get comments about my letters from several NSL players and coaches. For instance there were Berti Mariani, Rob Wheatley of Optus, Nick Orlic and George Bouhoutsas, when I was at a match encouraging me to write in the reader's column.

And these were not the only ones. When I was a trainer at Parramatta Eagles players bought in ABSW into the dressing room and discussed some of the comments made about them and especially if they were personal.

So writers remember, these people do read your comments and they are evaluated! I, of course, could give more examples but be sure it is more popular than you imagine.

Make sure that if you write about players your facts are right and you do not purposely hurt them.

Gerry van Duuren, UWS,
WESTMEAD NSW.



CROATIAN NEWS INTEGRATED

Dear Sir,
In order to gain space in ABSW, "Croatian Corner" will no longer appear. Therefore I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for reading the articles and sending me many letters of appreciation. I hope the articles gave everyone a big insight into the depth and quality of players that Croatia produces.

Big thanks to my Dad, Ivan for telling me about all the old Croatian players so I could write about them.

Big thanks to ABSW for printing Croatian Corner in

the past.
Big thanks to Ante Grabovac for mentioning me on his radio program Cro 2000 every week. It really made me feel like a part of the Croatian community and like I was doing something for it.

Big thanks to the readers once again.

"Bog I Hrvati"

John Viskovich.

Editors Note: Croatian news will continue to appear as part of 'World Stories'.

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"FILAN BETTER THAN BOSNICH!" SAYS THEIR FORMER COACH

By HENRY WIZGIER

It's been two weeks of mixed emotions for the man who has coached both of Australia's 'Premier' goalkeepers, now playing in England. First of all Fred Wall cringed, along with the rest of us, after reading about and seeing TV pictures of Mark Bosnich doing his 'Sieg Heil' to the Spurs fans, which as the Aussie knew very well, include a good proportion of Jewish people.

Then, last week-end, Fred saw his other protegee John Filan, regain his place as Coventry City's first-choice custodian when Steve Ogrizovic went off injured after being clattered into by Arsenal's Ian Wright.

I thought that this would be an opportune time to have a chat with him about some of the famous and now, infamous, goalkeepers he has coached, as well as his remarkable coaching career.

Henry Wizgier You coached Bosnich for many years here in Australia and therefore you got to know him fairly well. We all know he's a brilliant goalie but did you know he was also a good Basil Fawlty impersonator?

Fred Wall He was always an extrovert. There are two types of goalkeepers - the introverts and the extroverts, there are no in-betweens. Mark was definitely the extrovert type!

HW How do you think this business will affect his career?

Fred I think he'll get through it because one thing I noticed about Bosnich is that he has the 'big match' temperament. The bigger the atmosphere, the better he plays. I think he'll handle any flack he might get from the fans.

HW What about your association with him?

Fred I first began coaching Mark when he was about 11, he used to come to our live-in camps at Sydney University. Then, he went to England and was on the books with Manchester United for a while. When he came back to Australia, during which time he played for Australia's youth team, I coached him again while he was out here.

HW Did you think he would get as far as he did?

Fred No, not really

because apart from Craig Johnstone and I suppose Joe Marston many years before him, no Australian players had really got to the very top of the English game at that time.

HW To what do you attribute this sudden virtual explosion of Australian success abroad?

Fred Naturally as a coach, I put it down to our improved coaching methods here in Australia, of which I am proud to have played a part.

HW A not insignificant part - you actually have no less than two of your proteges now playing in the Premier League. Tell us about John Filan?

Fred He came to us at St. George as a 17 year old and showed a lot of promise, but I remember we loaned him out to Wollongong for a while. I think he lacked confidence and ironically he got a great dose of that, through Bosnich.

HW How?

Fred When I coached both of them together and Bosnich was on Manchester United's books, it sort of made John think "hey, I'm as good as this guy and he's with Manchester United!". I'll always believe that this is where John Filan's career took off. Soon after that, he played for the Socceroos, at a fairly young age for a goalie, and then he went to Cambridge United in the English First Division. After a couple of seasons with them, he was signed by Ron Atkinson at Coventry.

HW Where he's spent a lot of time on the bench as John Ogrizovic's understudy.

Fred But he had a very successful run in the first team a couple of seasons ago and I believe he virtually kept them in the Premier League. I remember one game towards the end of the season in particular - at Spurs (that name keeps cropping up), where he played an absolute blinder and I believe that the point they won as a result, kept them in the Premier League.

HW What happened to Filan after that?

Fred He started off as first choice the following season, but the defence in front of him were diabolical. He lost his place to Ogrizovic

who is of course much more experienced and an excellent goalkeeper too. He was in good form and so Ron Atkinson decided to stick with him.

HW How do you compare your two most celebrated 'pupils' now?

Fred I believe that John Filan is better than Bosnich, I really do. In fact, I think he is the best goalkeeper this country has ever produced. His technique is superb, he has natural ability and once he had gained that confidence, his career just went upwards. He could still turn out to be even bigger than Bosnich.

HW The list of young goalkeepers that you've coached in your time now reads almost like a "who's who" of Australian custodians, past and present. There's Bobby Catlin, Terry Greedy, Mike Fraser, Mike Gibson...

Fred Yes I've been very fortunate. But I'd like to single out Terry Greedy who is I believe is the most underrated goalkeeper this country has ever produced. If he'd been born a few years later, he could also have been playing in Europe today. Probably even the English Premier League, along with Bosnich and Filan. He had the right temperament, character and a good balance. Unfortunately for him, the door to European football wasn't open as wide as it is today.

HW What about Catlin?

Fred I coached him for about five years before he played in England. First with Chelsea, then he went to Notts County. There's a funny coincidence about Bob because at the time he was with me I coached Sean Lahiff who also went on to play in England, for Reading. Anyway, the first game these two ever played in England, was against each other, although it was only the reserves.

HW You spent many years with St. George working under Frank Arok.

Fred Yes, I first met Frank at a dinner and his first words to me were "I'm Frank Arok and I don't believe in goalkeeping coaches!" My reply was "I'm Fred Wall and I'm going to change your mind!" I did. We worked very



well together at St. George where I had two excellent goalies in Terry Greedy and Mike Fraser and of course we won the National League in 1983.

HW You obviously changed Frank's mind about goalkeeping coaches - at club level? But, he never used one for the National team and neither did Thommo.

Fred I don't know why the National team has never used a regular, goalkeeping coach. It's always been a fairly loose affair. I know Tony Pezzano and Ron Corrie have done some national coaching and in fact I did a bit myself when Frank was in charge. There is no doubt in my mind that nowadays, a goalkeeping coach is the difference between a winning side and a losing one.

HW You believe then that the new National coach should appoint a regular specialised goalkeeping coach to assist him?

Fred Yes I do. It's a totally unique position and I've always believed the most vital one in any team. Every International squad has several goalkeepers and they require different and separate exercises and training from the other players. The importance of the goalkeeper in any team justifies them having their own coaches.

HW Would you put yourself forward for such a position if it came up?

Fred I would gladly do it, if I was asked!

HW Did you ever have a goalkeeping coach yourself?

say that because the three ingredients I've always believed a goalkeeper has to have, also begin with 'C'. They are, Courage, Confidence and Consistency. Also, he (or she) has to be square, has to have good hands and most importantly, good balance.

HW As someone who has been involved in Australian football at the highest level, who would you like to see replace Eddie Thomson?

Fred I believe Frank Arok should be given another crack. He is the best qualified candidate for the job, he has the experience and a good knowledge of the game both here and abroad.

There is a bitter-sweet irony to the fact that Fred Wall's coaching has helped

Bosnich and Filan to ply their trade in the English Football League where they are of course earning a "good crust", as he puts it in his South London parlance.

Fred himself decided against a professional career when he was on Chelsea's books because at the time earnings in English football were rigidly controlled and subject to something called a 'maximum wage'. Before it's abolition in the early 1960's the most any footballer could earn was twenty pounds per week plus an extra four pounds bonus for a win.

Fred, like many others, decided to go into a 'solid' career and chose engineering instead, although he played as an amateur for Wimbledon for many years.

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Aussies Abroad

Doug Hodgson, the former Morwell striker is one of the lesser-known Aussie's who are plying their trade in the UK. He has just been loaned out to Burnley from Sheffield United, where he has been unable to command a regular first team place.

There was a good Aussie representation at Selhurst Park in Division One recently where Kevin Muscat

and Carl Veart were hoping to re-ignite recent free-scoring Crystal Palace, against Swindon whose Aussie Frank Talia stood in their way between the posts.

But alas the fire has well and truly gone out for the South Londoners who went down 1-2 in front of over 15,000, the only good bit of news for them. Incidentally, their fellow-tenants from upstairs in the Premier League, Wimbledon, must be wondering just what on earth

they have to do to get 15,000 crowds. (Try a move to Belfast, perhaps?)

Another Aussie confrontation took place at the more exalted level of the UEFA Cup where Italy's Lazio met Spain's Tenerife in Rome's Olympic Stadium.

Paul Okon started the game but was taken off midway through the second half whereas Aurelio

Vidmar wasn't in the starting line-up but came on. Despite winning 1-0, Italy's great 'under-achievers' do not look a good bet to go through and will have it all to do on the Canary Islands in the return leg.

However, the good news is that there is sure to be at least one Aussie in the next round



AROUND THE CLUBS



BROWN HEADS FOR MILESTONES IN BRISBANE

By GLENN DAVIS

RAustralian international, Rod Brown has joined an exclusive club of players who have played 300 Ericsson Cup games.

Surprisingly three of his Brisbane Strikers team mates are also members. They are Gary Phillips 359, Danny Wright 330 and Alan Hunter 320.

This blend of experience when added to player/coach Frank Farina's fifteen years in the top flight both in Australia and overseas, is a potent force in ensuring that the youngsters coming through have colleagues to look up to for guidance.

Youngsters who have come through the Queensland Academy of Sport ranks, such as Kasey Wehrman, Wayne Knipe and Matt Bell can only gain immeasurably when playing alongside such veterans.



21 year old Jeromy Harris has had yet another setback to his hopes of resurrecting an interrupted Ericsson Cup

career.

Last season it was a rare double hernia operation which side lined him. This time around it is another problem in the lower abdomen area which needs attention.

As Faria commented, "It would be silly for Jeromy to try to shrug off the injury."

Maybe this time Harris can enjoy a full recovery and display his obvious talent for the Strikers.



Rod Brown is currently on 122 goals in the top flight competition. This puts him second to John Kosmina who is now Coach of Topper Breakers.

Kosmina's record stands at 133 and Brown has his eyes firmly set on that great achievement.

Brown, 32 years of age commented, "The goal scoring record is certainly something I would certainly like to achieve."

"Knowing I'm so close to the mark will be enough to motivate me to keep find the net."

That is great news for the Strikers and the likeable goal ace.



Rod Brown: Played over 300 games and scored more than 120 goals in top league to date.

CONSISTENCY THE KEY FOR YOUNGSTER'S SUCCESS

By JAI McDERMOTT

Talented young striker Clayton Zane believes consistency throughout the Ericsson Cup season will be a crucial factor in his quest to gain a berth in next year's World Cup squad. Just after returning from a month long tour with the Australian U20s through South America, Zane was back in the fray with his club the Topper Breakers.

The teenager was reasonably happy with his form on the tour, starting in all but two games as the young Socceroos recorded a draw, four losses and four wins, including victory in an international against Chile. However, Zane claims his efforts will count for nothing if they are not backed up with a consistent season in the weekly grind of the Ericsson Cup.

"It's good to be a part of the squad and get to play against international opposition. The South Americans play a different style to us, more skill and control and less physical. The Ericsson Cup is very fast and tough so I think it's very important that I get some level of consistency in the club football."

The importance of the burly striker to the Breakers campaign was marked by his immediate inclusion in the starting eleven for last



Clayton Zane: Gained from his South American trip with Australia's U20s

weekend's clash with newcomers Perth Glory. The responsibility given to him by coach John Kosmina this year could well see him develop into one of the league's leading front-men, after he spent much of last season coming to terms with the National League.

"I found last year that I wasn't stringing enough good games together. I'd do really well for one or two weeks and then I'd have a bad game. I think with a year under my belt and the experience I've gained with the Australian youth team that I should be able to achieve some sort of consistency this season."

The pressure on Zane won't only come from the best defenders in the land this season. Fellow front-runner Harry James has been very effective for the Breakers in the early part of the season and with veteran David Lowe and four goal first round hero Jason Bennett firing, there is plenty of competition for shirts in the Breakers attack.

"I think we have got good depth in the club in terms of attackers. The competition is good because it keeps your mind on the job all the time. I'll be looking to cement my spot as a regular in the starting line-up this season and hopefully we can get some good results."

While a hectic recent touring schedule means Zane missed most of the Breakers pre-season, he has gained invaluable match fitness in his travels and believes this will be a benefit in the early stages of the season.

The very real chance that Zane will wear the Green and Gold next May should help to keep him focused on his game. However, it is the more immediate challenge of the Ericsson Cup that is his prime concern for the moment.

"I can't wait to get my season going. I think the boys have shown we are capable of being very competitive. If we can learn to do this week in-week out we could surprise a lot of teams this year."

SHARKS INJURIES WOES ARE EASING

By LANCE LIBRANDI

After missing much of the pre-season, Jim Tsekini has certainly returned to the Sharks with a bang. Two goals in consecutive games are what coach Adrian Santrac could have wished for.

After West Adelaide were trounced by Newcastle Breakers in the opening game they won the next two. With Hamilton Thorp back to full fitness and showing outstanding form with a twin strike in Canberra, the loss of Robbie Hooker to the Socceroos was not as big a blow as it might have been.

Ross Aloisi and Cyrille Ndongo-Keller are back in training with the former expected to resume in a week or so. However Ndongo-Keller is having intensive treatment on his knee and is a month or more from being available.

Thebarton Oval could become the Sharks new home. The local Council are

deciding whether the plans can proceed.

If the Club gets the green light, they will begin renovations to upgrade the existing facilities to the necessary standard. The ground has club rooms and corporate facilities already in place. Completion of the project will give the Sharks a 'home' for players and supporters.

This is something they have been working on for some time and are keen to see finalised.

Adelaide City Reschedule Game

Wednesday November 13 at 7.30pm is the time for the postponed game with South Melbourne to take place. It is possible that the Zebras recruit from Canberra, Michael Musitano could be available to come into the side.

Musitano is in full training after his pre-season knee injury.



Happy after consecutive wins.

PERTH GLORY SIGN KALOGERACOS

Twenty One year old Vas Kalogeracos has returned from overseas trials to Perth and signed for the Glory.

Coach Gary Marocchi has welcomed the arrival of this Australian born striker to his thin team ranks.

He has already had two years overseas experience with English West Midlands club, Birmingham City. He would certainly have found it difficult to follow his two main hobbies surfing and golf in the vast industrial city.

The nearest surf beaches are on Cornwall's west coast about five or more hours drive from Brum. Golf should have been easier but mid winter is not the ideal time to be outdoors in England.

The Joey and Young Socceroo representative has a chance to show his talent on the Ericsson Cup pitches. Perth Glory will be hoping his star shines even brighter.



Vas Kalogeracos: Young speedster should be valuable asset for Perth.



AROUND THE CLUBS



WARRIORS TO GO HEAD TO HEAD WITH CRICKET

By DWYGH TUFFNELL

The Warriors are planning to go head to head with the one of the biggest sporting events on the Melbourne calendar.

They plan to play their rescheduled match against UTS Olympic at Victoria Park on Boxing Day.

Along with AFL Grand Final and the Melbourne Cup, the Boxing Day test match at the MCG is one of the three big sporting days of the year.

A crowd of no less than 80,000 would be expected at the MCG to see Australia come up against the West Indies.

"We are looking at an adequate date to play this game, and Boxing Day is one of the proposals," said Chief Executive Officer Arthur Evriniadis.

"There is nothing definite yet."

The Warriors say they had been inundated with calls from members of the Collingwood Football club for tickets for the Olympic game, after their first up home win over the Melbourne

Knights.

Collingwood believe they could have been looking at a crowd of around 20,000 had the game taken place on its original date.

"20,000 is a realistic expectation."

"It's hard to judge on a week to week basis, all we can go on is enquiries about the game, and after the Knights game we had an excellent response."

"People who saw our first encounter are wanting to come back and people who didn't see it, want to come and watch us," Evriniadis said.

The round fourteen game at home to South Melbourne is one game that could prove to be a huge problem for the Warriors.

With an estimated 14,000 crammed into Victoria Park on the opening day of the season, it is hard to see how the Warriors would accommodate a crowd that is bound to be much bigger.

"I believe we could fit another 5-6,000 people into the ground," said Evriniadis.

Both clubs have been looking



Goran Lozanovski: Will not play against Tahiti.

forward to the fixture, which has them playing each other twice in consecutive weeks, since the start of the season.

"It is obviously something that everybody at the club is looking forward to."

"But we'll be treating it just the same as any other home and away fixture."

"It will be looked forward to

like every home game is looked forward to," Evriniadis concluded.

Goran Lozanovski, injured in the game at Marconi was not expected to start the game against Tahiti for the Oceania Nations Cup. Lozanovski, who suffered a sprain in his left ankle, is expected to recover in time for the return leg in Canberra on Friday night.

ABBAS TO DEBUT FOR UTS

By JODEE ROGERS

Could the 1996/97 season finally provide UTS Olympic with the elusive premiership that has escaped them since 1989/90? A new home ground and a "marriage" with Sydney Bulldogs Rugby League Club have certainly given Olympic the energy for a perfect start with two straight wins first up.

Belmore Sports Ground offers the team and their supporters first class facilities for all home games with extra parking, more shelter and the backing of corporate sponsorship.

UTS are relying on the talents of young team members Ivan Zelic, Brett Emerton and Carlos Gonzalez to help them through the season. The club didn't have the funds to spend on players this year and the UTS squad remains pretty much unchanged from last season.

With three players - Milan Blagojevic, Alistair Edwards and Kris Trajanovski on national duty - UTS had to postpone their Round Three game against newcomers Collingwood. Peter Tsekens would also have missed this game as he has come down with the chicken pox and probably will be out for a couple of rounds.

UTS played their first home game at Belmore last week and Coach, David Ratcliffe commented that the surface was not as good as he would have liked. Otherwise everything went well and with a crowd of 7,500 against Canberra Cosmos, showed that the fans don't mind the change of ground.



Abbas Saad: Back in the game with UTS Olympic.

Ratcliffe has been pleased with his team's performance especially the form of Blagojevic, Trajanovski and Scott Baillie in the first two rounds. In Round One UTS travelled to Perth and won but he speculated that in the future they will be hard to beat at home with fans getting right behind the newcomers and providing a great atmosphere. He commented that one of the reasons why UTS may not have won the minor premiership last season was because they lost to teams like Morwell and Newcastle away.

Former Socceroo striker

Abbas Saad, banned for life for supposed match fixing whilst playing for Singapore in the Malaysian league, is back in Australia and training with UTS. His worldwide ban was lifted in all countries except Singapore this week by FIFA and Ratcliffe intends playing him this week against Gippsland Falcons. Saad, who has always protested his innocence is elated by the ban being lifted. He said he is so happy the nightmare is over and now just wants to get back into the action with the mates who have stuck by him.

OLYMPIC EVENTS FOR CANBERRA PUSH

By DANIEL GONAMO

The ACT Soccer Federation is trying to bring the Olympic spirit to the national capital by convincing the Olympic Games Organising Committee that Canberra should be one of the hosts for the Sydney 2000 Olympic Games Football (soccer) Tournament.

Other cities vying for the right to stage qualifying games include Wollongong, Newcastle, Adelaide and

Brisbane.

The ACT Soccer Federation is promoting the fact that such an application has the backing of the general sporting community. To press home this point, the areas leading soccer, rugby league, rugby union, basketball and Aussie rules personalities are to join forces in promotional activities for the forthcoming Australia vs Tahiti Intercontinental Cup Qualifier.

In order to host a group of the Olympic soccer

tournament, Canberra's Bruce Stadium, with a current seating capacity of approximately 10,000, would need to be increased to 25,000.

The major financiers of such an upgrade are likely to be the local ACT government and Rupert Murdoch's News Limited.

News Limited's involvement results from the local rugby league team, the Canberra Raiders, being a prominent Super League franchise holder.

If successful, the benefits to soccer in the ACT would be enormous, as the world game would be the ACT's sole direct link with the Sydney 2000 Olympics.

The ACT boasts some 12,000 soccer players at both a junior and senior level, and with the regions re-entry into the Ericsson Cup, interest is on the increase.

The Canberra Cosmos have recently signed a one year \$100,000 sponsorship with a high technology company, Unisys.

MARCONI ARE THEY THE BEST?



Australia has played a number of full internationals and Under 20 games against other countries but where have the Marconi representatives been?

Despite this, they are the team to beat, so Manfred Schaefer must be doing something right.

It is remarkable that there are only four players from the Stallions stable who have been involved in these games.

Craig Foster is really an 'import'.

Mark Robertson and Vaughan Hunter toured Chile and Argentina with the Young Socceroos while Matthew Bingley is in the current full international side.

Maybe in a couple of years time Marconi players will dominate the national teams.

Plans are with Fairfield City Council to build an additional press box on the

eastern side of Marconi Oval.

This one will be designed specifically to accommodate radio and TV commentary teams.





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AROUND THE CLUBS



LAKERS LINK WITH SWANS

By DWYGH TUFFNELL

As reported two weeks ago, South Melbourne have linked up with an AFL club.

The Lakers have offered the Sydney Swans Melbourne based members and officials access to social rooms at Bob Jane Stadium.

The stadium itself is built on the site of the old Lakeside Oval, former home of the old South Melbourne Football Club (now Sydney Swans).

Despite a couple of ordinary opening round results, Lakers coach Angie Postecoglou believes that his side will be one to be reckoned with this season.

"Perhaps apart from Marconi, you'd be hard pressed to find a better squad of players than ours," the first year coach said.

"If you analyse our squad, we will be a force and be set

up for an era of successful sides.

"The foundation is there, with great young players in the Olyroo and Young Soccerroo teams.

"With the new social club and the stadium, this club is on the right track for a very successful future."

Postecoglou knows the demands of a big club like South Melbourne and with failures in recent seasons, knows that the fans won't accept too much more heartbreak.

"It's important to get off to a good start to set us up for what I think will be a big year for the club.

"The new players are beginning to settle in well and the other players are realising that if they don't do well, they'll be under pressure to keep their spots.

"There will be no excuses for us this season."

Goalkeeper Michael Petkovic shared the sentiments of coach Postecoglou.

"South Melbourne is one of the biggest and best clubs in Australia. I don't expect anything but a spot in the top six, perhaps even the top three," said the Olyroo.

The Lakers will receive a boost when Ivan Kelic returns to the club from Singapore.

Kelic and the return of the



Young Soccerroos will make the competition for places even hotter at Bob Jane Stadium.

Angie Postecoglou said the club is very proud of their young representatives in South America.

Michael Curcija, Daniel Allsopp, Bill Damianos and Con Blatsis have all been performing well on the tour, scoring the majority of the goals for the Young Soccerroos.

"They are proving to be the backbone of the Young Soccerroos.

"In Michael Curcija and Daniel Allsopp, we have two of the best young strikers in the league," Postecoglou said.

South's postponed game against Adelaide City at Hindmarsh Stadium has been rescheduled to Wednesday November 13. The match will kick off at 7.30pm.

KNIGHTS PLAN FOR EXCITING FUTURE

By DWYGH TUFFNELL

The Knights have taken Zimbabwean international Chamu Musanhu on a two week trial.

Musanhu, from Dynamos F.C. in Zimbabwe is a defender who has played for both the Olympic and senior Zimbabwe teams.

Club President Angie Cimeria outlined a policy which they hope will take them to the year 2000 and beyond.

Cimeria, with some typically frank speaking, said the club had to "open our doors and extend the hands of friendship to anyone and everyone.

"Our performance on the field for the last six years has been second to none.

"Now we want our off field performance to be on track.

"We acknowledge that the game is growing at a rapid rate so we must lift our profile off the field."

The Knights Stadium ground development certainly enforces that point.

The club has spent half a million dollars on developments which include: fourteen new corporate boxes, new social club and extra

seats. This will bring the seating capacity in the grandstand to 4,000.

The Knights have appointed former team manager Davor Filipovic as their Chief Executive Officer.

Sebastian Italia comes in as the Marketing Manager.

Both have big ideas for the club to give its profile a much needed boost.

"We will attempt to be at the front line of a new era of Australian soccer," Italia said.

"We want anyone to come to the Knights Stadium.

"When they do, they will see some good football being played."

The triple crown will be the driving force behind the Knights on the park.

"I think we will finish in the top three," said Mr Cimeria.

"I have no fears about anyone else in the competition, we won't be outplayed by anyone."

Cimeria feels that the club was in the same position last season with the loss of Mark Viduka and Steve Horvat.

"The depth is there, although we've lost some players we've recruited well.

"It's a very, very young squad and our midfield is second to none in Australia.

"We also have something which makes the players grow taller when they take the field: Andrew Marth."

Adrian Cervinski has had the plaster removed from his foot and could be playing within four or five weeks.

Ivan Duzel's clearance has come through from Germany.

The postponed Sydney United away clash at Edensor Park has been set down to be played on Wednesday November 6 at 7.30pm.



TRADITION AT CENTRE OF DEFENCE

By PHIL MURPHY

Wollongong City have a long tradition of signing experienced defenders who have been successful with the South Coast.

Gary van Egmond is the latest.

Van Egmond signed with the Wolves last week and supporters are hoping he can emulate what David Ratcliffe, Charlie Yankos, Mick O'Shea and others have achieved at Brandon Park. Right from the start, Wollongong had a centre-back in the twilight of his career.

That was in 1981 when former Everton player Chris Dunleavy came to Australia to play with the fledgling Wolves.

Wolves coach Nick Theodorakopoulos believes Van Egmond has the credentials to be a big asset to Wollongong.

"He is 30 but still has

plenty of football ahead of him," the coach said.

"I desperately needed a classy defender and Gary was the man I was after.

"He still has that bit of pace and proved in his first game for us (against Adelaide City) he reads the game very well."

For Van Egmond, the move from Marconi to Wollongong came about because he felt he would spend most of the season sitting on the bench.



"Marconi are the best club in Australia but I felt I wanted to be at a club where I would be in the starting lineup," Van Egmond said.

"I believe I have at least two good seasons left and I am really looking forward to the challenge at Wollongong.

"Over the years, I have always regarded Wollongong as strong competitors but they must achieve that winning habit.

"Like losing, winning can become a habit and I think the Wolves will do well this season."

Van Egmond started his senior career with Footscray and was with them for three years. He had a season with Dutch first division club Roda and played 38 league games with them.

He also had a taste of European Cup football when Roda took on French club Monaco.

"We lost both games but it

was a tremendous experience," Van Egmond said.

"I was with Marconi for seven seasons and was able to help them win two championships and a grand final - a 1-0 win over Adelaide City when Frank Arok was at Marconi Stadium.

"Over the years, I played 16 times for the Soccerroos and was in the squad for the Barcelona Olympics."

Married to school teacher Annette and the father of three, Van Egmond is at the crossroads of his career.

He said he had many great memories of his days at Marconi.

"They are a great club and I had my share of success with them," he said.

"Now my aim is to help Wollongong achieve some success.

"They have started off well and I believe they can make it to the playoffs."

ILLAWARRA LIONS SEEK SUPPORT

By PHIL MURPHY

Illawarra Lions will seek support from the State Government to get back into the NSW super league.

The Lions, Rockdale and Warringah have been dumped from the new-look 12-league.

Lions president George Stojanovski told ABSW he was bitterly disappointed with the decision of Soccer NSW.

Stojanovski said he would contact State Sports Minister Gabrielle Harrison seeking her support.

He said he would also get letters of support from Wollongong Council and Shellharbour Council.

"We have been treated very badly by

Soccer NSW," Stojanovski said.

"We have a lot going for us but I believe we have been left out because we don't use Brandon Park for our home games.

"Soccer NSW must know it costs a lot of money to rent that ground and we were never sure if we could get it when we needed it."

Stojanovski said Soccer NSW would not allow the Lions to use McLennan Park at Kembla Grange because it wasn't up to standard.

"Grounds such as the one used by Central Coast are inferior to McLennan Park," he said.

"Canterbury didn't have a ground last season; they shared with Bonnyrigg.

"They are still in super league."

Stojanovski, who recently succeeded Paul Matters as Lions president, said he believed soccer officials in Australia were more interested in taking money from clubs than promoting the game.

He said they should be more like rugby league administrators.

"Look at the Queensland Crushers," he said.

"They go broke and the Australian Rugby League give them money to keep going - that's the way it should be."

The good news for Illawarra was that their four juniors teams had won promotion from first division to the super league.

FOUR MAN FORWARD LINE FOR AROK

By DWYGH TUFFNELL

Although the Falcons had failed to score in their first two games, coach Frank Arok isn't ready to hit the panic button just yet.

"It is very hard to create clear cut chances when you are on the back foot all the time.

"The crosses aren't coming in for Eddie Krncevic and Alex Duric in the middle.

"But I would have to go out and buy Goran Lozanovski because he is the only player in Australia who regularly gets in accurate crosses.

"We have been working on it, maybe one day it will all come together.

"I have only had this side together for two or three weeks, but we have been playing in a reasonably organised way."

Billy Wright has finally been cleared to play for the Falcons.

The former New Zealand international was suspended by the Victorian Soccer Federation after an altercation with an opposing fan during a second division match with his club, South Dandenong.

Frank Arok had originally planned to use Wright as sweeper but will now use him up front in a four man forward line.

"There was talk of using him as a sweeper but we tried it out and it didn't quite work out," said team manager Rolf Lamb.

Fijian Olympic player Esala Masi arrived back in Australia last Sunday.

He is expected to play in this week's fixture away against UTS Olympic.

He had been waiting for a medical clearance on a cracked bone in his leg.

His cousin Manoa has been unable to break into the first team as yet, but has scored in the Falcons first two National Youth League Southern Division games.

Off season signing Hugo Gimenez is expected to be out of action for a couple of weeks after suffering a hairline fracture of his arm during the game against Melbourne Knights.

In what seemed an innocuous clash with Knights midfielder Lubo Lapsansky, Gimenez was left lying on the ground clutching his arm. He did make it back onto the ground after receiving treatment, but had to be substituted at half time.





ERICSSON CUP



RESULTS AND SCORERS ROUND THREE

Canberra Cosmos
(Kelly 45)
West Adelaide
(Thorp 1,56; Borghetto 84)
Crowd: 2,651

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Newcastle Breakers
(Wilson 26)
Perth Glory
(Strudwick 31; Despotovski 33, 82)
Crowd: 3,750

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Gippsland Falcons
(Duric 11,16)
Marconi Fairfield
(Holst 38, Maloney 66)
Crowd: 2,360

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Brisbane Strikers
(Farina 45; Wehrman 62)
Wollongong City
(Horsley 73)
Crowd: 3,484

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ATTENDANCE FIGURES FOR ROUND 3:

1995/96 – 18,598
1996/97 – 12,245* (3 Matches Outstanding)

ERICSSON CUP TABLE as at 27 October 1996

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Brisbane Strikers	3	2	1	0	8	2	7
UTS Olympic	2	2	0	0	5	1	6
West Adelaide	3	2	0	1	7	8	6
Marconi Fairfield	3	1	2	0	6	5	5
Collingwood Warriors	2	1	1	0	4	1	4
Sydney United	2	1	1	0	6	4	4
Wollongong City	3	1	1	1	5	5	4
Newcastle Breakers	3	1	0	2	8	10	3
Melbourne Knights	2	1	0	1	1	3	3
Perth Glory	3	1	0	2	5	8	3
Gippsland Falcons	3	0	2	1	2	3	2
Adelaide City	2	0	1	1	0	1	1
South Melbourne	2	0	1	1	1	3	1
Canberra Cosmos	3	0	0	3	3	7	0

LEADING GOALSCORERS

Jason Bennett	4	Newcastle Breakers
Rodney Brown	3	Brisbane Strikers
Matthew Horsley	3	Wollongong City
David Zdrilic	3	Sydney United
Bobby Despotovski	2	Perth Glory
Alex Duric	2	Gippsland Falcons
Frank Farina	2	Brisbane Strikers
Norman Kelly	2	Canberra Cosmos
Glenn Sprod	2	Newcastle Breakers
Paul Strudwick	2	Perth Glory
Kimon Taliadoros	2	Collingwood Warriors
Norman Tome	2	UTS Olympic
Hamilton Thorp	2	West Adelaide
Kris Trajanovski	2	UTS Olympic
Jimmy Tsekini	2	West Adelaide

PLAYER OF THE YEAR

NAME	TEAM	POINTS
Sean Cranney	Brisbane Strikers	6
Jim Tsekini	West Adelaide	4
Jason Bennett	Newcastle Breakers	3
Craig Foster	Marconi Fairfield	3
Nick Palamaras	Gippsland Falcons	3
Kimon Taliadoros	Collingwood Warriors	3
Michael Reda	Wollongong City	3
Kris Trajanovski	UTS Olympic	3
Rod Brown	Brisbane Strikers	3
Frank Juric	Collingwood Warriors	3
David Barrett	UTS Olympic	3
Andrew Marth	Melbourne Knights	3
Alvin Ceccoli	Wollongong City	3
Lubo Lapsansky	Melbourne Knights	3
Kresimir Marusic	Sydney United	3
Tony Popovic	Sydney United	3
Kasey Wehrman	Brisbane Strikers	3
Hamilton Thorp	West Adelaide	3
Brad Maloney	Marconi Fairfield	3
Gareth Naven	Perth Glory	3
Bobby Despotovski	Perth Glory	3

NEXT WEEK'S FIXTURES

CANBERRA COSMOS V NEWCASTLE BREAKERS
FRIDAY 1 NOVEMBER 1996 – 5.30PM

MARCONI FAIRFIELD V SYDNEY UNITED
SATURDAY 2 NOVEMBER 1996 – 7.00PM

SOUTH MELBOURNE V BRISBANE STRIKERS
SUNDAY 3 NOVEMBER 1996 – 6.00PM

MELBOURNE KNIGHTS V ADELAIDE CITY
SUNDAY 3 NOVEMBER 1996 – 6.00PM

WOLLONGONG CITY V NEWCASTLE BREAKERS
SUNDAY 3 NOVEMBER 1996 – 6.00PM

UTS OLYMPIC V GIPPSLAND FALCONS
SUNDAY 3 NOVEMBER 1996 – 6.30PM

WEST ADELAIDE V COLLINGWOOD WARRIORS
SUNDAY 3 NOVEMBER 1996 – 7.30PM

PERTH GLORY V CANBERRA COSMOS
SUNDAY 3 NOVEMBER 1996 – 4.00PM

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NAGOYA GRAMPUS EIGHT

WORLD RESULTS & TABLES

African Champions Cup

Semi Finals:

Vita Club	2	Etoile du Sahel	1
Zaire		Tunisia	
Mulangana (2, pen)		Beya (45)	
Lisani (73)			
Kinshasa - 60,000			
Etoile du Sahel win 3-2 on aggregate			
Shooting Stars	1	JS Kabylie	0
Nigeria		Algeria	
Ogaga (78)			
Ibadan - 20,000			
Shooting Stars win 2-1 on aggregate			

Belgium

Genk	2	Cercle Brugge	0
Molenbeek	2	Mouscron	0
Club Brugge	3	Lommel	2
Ekeren	6	Aalst	1
Charleroi	1	Mechelen	0
Lierse	2	Ghent	1
St Trond	0	Antwerp	2

Table

Club Brugge	12	7	4	1	25	12	25
Standard Liege	12	8	0	4	20	14	24
Anderlecht	12	6	5	1	21	9	23
Mouscron	12	6	4	2	21	12	22
Lierse	12	5	6	1	18	10	21
Antwerp	11	5	1	5	15	18	16
Charleroi	12	5	1	6	19	18	16
Molenbeek	12	4	4	4	12	13	16
Lommel	12	4	4	4	19	21	16
Lokeren	10	4	3	3	17	12	15
Harelbeke	12	4	3	3	17	12	15
Genk	12	3	6	3	12	13	15
Ekeren	12	4	2	6	15	17	14
Ghent	12	4	2	6	20	25	14
Mechelen	12	2	5	5	15	19	11
Aalst	12	2	5	5	14	22	11
Sint-Truiden	12	2	3	3	17	30	9
Cercle Brugge	12	0	4	8	11	27	4

England

FA Cup 1st Round Draw

Carlisle United	Shephed Dynamo
Blackpool	Wigan Athletic
Chesterfield	Bury
Macclesfield	Rochdale
Scunthorpe	Rotherham
Whitby Town	Hull City
Burnley	Lincoln City
Boston United	Lancaster or Morecambe
Colwyn Bay	Wrexham
Northwich Victoria	Walsall
Preston	Barrow or Altrincham
Runcorn	Darlington
Crewe Alexandra	Kidderminster Harriers
Shrewsbury Town	Scarborough
Chester City	Stalybridge Celtic
Hartlepool	York city
Mansfield	Consett
Stockport County	Doncaster Rovers
Newcastle Town	Notts County
Hednesford	Spennymoor or Southport
Northampton	Watford
Colchester United	Wycombe Wanderers
Leyton Orient	Merthyr Tydfil
Cardiff City	Hastings or Hendon
Woking	Millwall
Ashford Town	Dagenham & Redbridge
Plymouth	Fulham
Gillingham	Hereford
Bromley	Enfield
Cambridge United	Welling
Torquay	Luton
Swansea	Bristol City
Borehamwood	Rushden & Diamonds
Stevenage Borough	Hayes
Sudbury	Brighton
Wisbech	St Albans
Farnborough	Barnet
Bristol Rovers	Exeter City
Brentford	Bournemouth

Ties to be played Saturday, 16 November.

League Cup 3rd Round

Blackburn	0	Stockport	1
Bolton	2	Chelsea	1
Charlton	1	Liverpool	1
Gillingham	2	Coventry	2
Ipswich	4	Crystal Palace	1
Leeds	1	Aston Villa	2

Man. Utd.	2	Swindon	1
Middlesbor	5	Huddersfield	1
Newcastle	1	Oldham	0
Port Vale	0	Oxford	0
Southampton	2	Lincoln	2
Stoke	1	Arsenal	1
Tottenham	2	Sunderland	1
York	0	Leicester	2
West Ham	4	Nott. Forest	1

Draw for 4th Round League Cup:

Charlton or Liverpool	Stoke or Arsenal
West Ham	Stockport
Ipswich	Gillingham or Coventry
Bolton	Tottenham
Middlesboro	Newcastle
Wimbledon or Luton	Aston Villa
Port Vale or Oxford	Southampton or Lincoln
Leicester	Manchester. Utd

England

Premier League

Arsenal	3	Leeds	0
Chelsea	3	Tottenham	1
Coventry	0	Sheffield Wednesday	0
Leicester	2	Newcastle	0
Middlesbrough	0	Wimbledon	0
Southampton	6	Manchester United	3
Sunderland	1	Aston Villa	0
West Ham	2	Blackburn	1

Table

Arsenal	11	7	3	1	22	8	24
Newcastle	11	8	0	3	20	12	24
Wimbledon	11	7	1	3	20	11	22
Liverpool	9	6	2	1	18	7	20
Manchester Utd	11	5	4	2	22	17	19
Chelsea	11	5	4	2	19	16	19
Aston Villa	11	4	3	4	13	11	15
Sheff Wednesday	11	4	3	4	12	16	15
Tottenham	11	4	2	5	11	11	14
West Ham	11	4	2	5	11	15	14
Leicester	11	4	2	5	9	13	14
Middlesbrough	11	3	4	4	9	11	13
Sunderland	11	3	4	4	9	11	13
Southampton	11	3	3	5	20	16	12
Everton	9	3	3	3	10	11	12
Derby	10	2	5	3	9	12	11
Leeds	11	3	1	7	8	18	10
Nottingham For	10	1	5	4	10	17	8
Coventry	11	1	5	5	4	14	8
Blackburn	11	0	4	7	7	16	4

Division 1

Birmingham	2	Norwich	3
Charlton	2	Oxford	0
Crystal Palace	3	Grimsby	0
Huddersfield	0	Port Vale	1
Ipswich	0	Tranmere	2
Oldham	0	Southend	0
Reading	2	Swindon	0
Sheffield United	1	Queens Park Rangers	1
Stoke	3	Portsmouth	1
West Bromwich	0	Bradford	0
Barnsley	2	Bolton	2

Table

Bolton	14	9	4	1	33	19	31
Norwich	14	9	3	2	23	11	30
Crystal Palace	14	6	6	2	29	12	24
Barnsley	13	6	5	2	21	14	23
Tranmere	15	6	4	5	20	17	22
Stoke	13	6	4	3	20	21	22
Sheffield United	12	6	3	3	24	13	21
Queens Park Ran	15	5	6	4	19	19	21
Wolverhampton	14	6	3	5	18	14	21
Swindon	14	6	2	6	20	16	20
Port Vale	15	4	7	4	12	16	19
Huddersfield	13	5	3	5	17	19	18
Reading	14	5	3	6	17	23	18
West Bromwich	13	3	7	3	15	16	16
Birmingham	12	4	4	4	14	13	16
Oxford	14	4	4	6	13	11	16
Manchester City	12	5	1	6	13	16	16
Southend	15	3	7	5	13	23	16
Ipswich	14	3	6	5	18	20	15
Portsmouth	15	4	3	8	15	23	15
Charlton	12	4	2	6	12	16	14
Bradford	15	3	4	8	11	22	13
Oldham	15	1	5	9	13	23	8

Division 2

Blackpool	1	Watford	1
Brentford	0	Millwall	0

Bristol City	4	Notts County	0
Burnley	2	Plymouth	1
Bury	2	Bristol Rovers	1
Chesterfield	2	York	0
Gillingham	1	Preston	1
Luton	2	Bournemouth	0
Blackpool	1	Watford	1
Brentford	0	Millwall	0
Bristol City	4	Notts County	0
Burnley	2	Plymouth	1
Bury	2	Bristol Rovers	1
Chesterfield	2	York	0
Gillingham	1	Preston	1
Luton	2	Bournemouth	0
Rotherham	2	Peterborough	0
Shrewsbury	0	Crewe	1
Walsall	1	Stockport	1
Wycombe	0	Wrexham	0

Table

Brentford	15	9	5	1	27	15	32
Millwall	15	8	4	3	26	18	28
Bury	15	8	4	3	20	13	28
Chesterfield	15	8	3	4	13	10	27
Luton	14	8	2	4	20	14	26
Watford	15	7	5	3	17	14	26
Wrexham	14	6	7	1	20	14	25
Crewe	15	8	1	6	19	15	25
Bristol City	15	7	3	5	29	18	24
Burnley	15	7	2	6	22	19	23
Stockport	15	6	4	5	19	19	22
Bristol Rovers	15	5	6	4	14	12	21
Gillingham	15	5	3	7	17	20	18
Blackpool	15	4	6	5	15	16	18
Plymouth	15	4	5	6	16	2	17
York	15	4	4	7	18	23	16
Walsall	15	4	4	7	15	20	16
Shrewsbury	15	4	4	7	14	20	16
Bournemouth	15	5	1	9	12	18	16
Peterborough	15	3	6	6	23	28	15
Preston	15	4	2	9	14	19	14
Notts County	15	3	5	7	10	16	14
Rotherham	15	3	3	9	16	25	12
Wycombe	15	2	5	8	14	24	11

Division 3

Barnet	0	Carlisle	0
Brighton	0	Fulham	0
Cardiff	3	Leyton Orient	0
Chester	1	Hereford	3
Exeter	2	Hartlepool	0
Lincoln	3	Colchester	2
Northampton	3	Darlington	1
Scarborough	2	Mansfield	1
Scunthorpe	2	Rochdale	2
Torquay	2	Swansea	0
Wigan	1	Hull	2
Cambridge	0	Doncaster	1

Table

Fulham	15	11	1	3	25	10	34
Wigan	15	9	2	4	25	18	29
Cambridge	15	8	3	4	22	19	27
Carlisle	15	7	5	3	19	12	26
Scarborough	15	6	7	2	25	18	25
Torquay	15	7	4	4	20	14	25
Cardiff	13	7	2	4	16	11	23
Chester	14	6	4	4	17	15	22
Hull	15	5	7	3	14	15	22
Scunthorpe	15	6	3	6	18	19	21
Barnet	15	5	6	4	14	10	21
Hereford	15	6	2	7	18	19	20
Northampton	15	5	4	6	21	17	19
Lincoln	15	5	3	7	18	22	18
Doncaster	15	5	3	7	17	18	18
Exeter	15	5	2	8	15	21	17
Leyton Orient	15	4	5	6	10	13	17
Colchester	15	3	7	5	17	21	16
Rochdale	14	3	7	4	15	17	16
Mansfield	15	3	7	5	14	17	16
Darlington	15	4	3	8	21	28	15
Hartlepool	15	4	3	8	14	18	15
Swansea	15	3	5	7	14	21	14
Brighton	15	2	3	10	11	27	9

Germany

Bor. Dortmund	5	Arm. Bielefeld	0
Cologne	3	Schalke	1
Fort. Duesseldorf	0	Bayern Munich	2
Freiburg	0	Bochum	1
Hamburg	2	Karlsruhe	0
Hansa Rostock	3	St. Pauli	1
Stuttgart	5	Bor. Monchengladb.	0
1860 Munich	1	Duisburg	1
Werder Bremen	1	B. Leverkusen	1

Table

VfB Stuttgart	12	8	3	1	33	10	27
Bayern Munich	12	8	3	1	22	11	27
Bay Leverkusen	12	7	3	2	26	15	24
Borus Dortmund	12	7	2	3	24	14	23
Cologne	12	7	1	4	22	16	22
Werder Bremen	12	6	2	4	26	15	20
Bochum	12	5	5	2	17	16	20
Karlsruhe	12	5	2	5	19	17	17
1860 Munich	12	4	3	5	20	21	15
Fort Duesseldorf	12	4	3	5	8	17	15
Hamburg	12	4	2	6	17	20	14
Bor Moencheng	12	4	2	6	12	16	14
Schalke	12	3	4	5	12	19	13
Hansa Rostock	12	3	3	6	15	19	12
St Pauli	12	3	2	7	16	26	11
Duisburg	12	2	4	6	10	17	10
Freiburg	12	3	0	9	14	31	9
Armin Bielefeld	12	1	4	7	11	24	7



WORLD RESULTS & TABLES

Serie B			
Bari	5	Empoli	0
C. Sangro	1	Padova	0
Cesena	1	Venezia	1
Chievo	0	Brescia	1
Cremonese	0	Lecce	1
Genoa	1	Salernitana	1
Lucchese	1	Foggia	0
Palermo	2	Ravenna	0
Torino	0	Pescara	2

Table			
Lecce	8	7	0 1 14 5 21
Pescara	8	5	3 0 14 5 18
Padova	8	4	2 2 9 6 14
Bari	8	3	4 1 14 7 13
Lucchese	8	3	3 2 7 3 12
Chievo	8	3	3 2 9 8 12
Torino	8	3	3 2 8 8 12
Genoa	8	2	5 1 9 8 11
Ravenna	8	3	2 3 8 8 11
Brescia	8	2	5 1 6 6 11
Salernitana	8	3	2 3 5 7 11
Empoli	8	3	2 3 7 10 11
Foggia	8	3	1 4 7 10 10
C. Sangro	8	3	1 4 5 10 10
Palermo	8	2	3 3 7 9 9
Cesena	8	1	4 3 8 9 7
Venezia	8	1	3 4 8 11 6
Cosenza	7	1	2 4 4 10 5
Cremonese	8	1	1 6 2 8 4
Reggina	7	0	3 4 6 12 3

Japan			
Gamba Osaka	0	Nagoya Grampus Eight	3
Kashiwa Reysol	1	Yokohama Flugels	2
Avispa Fukuoka	0	Cerezo Osaka	1
Yokohama Marinos	0	Kashima Antlers	1
Jubilo Iwata	2	JEF Ichihara	1
Bellmare Hiratsuka	3	Shimizu S-Pulse	0
Urawa Reds	1	Verdy Kawasaki	0
Kyoto Purple Sanga	2	Sanfrecce Hiroshima	1

Table			
Kashima	16	18	8 55 25 57
Nagoya	16	19	7 58 32 57
Yokohama F	16	19	7 52 37 57
Urawa	16	18	8 47 27 55
Iwata	16	18	8 45 33 55
Kashiwa	16	17	9 57 46 51
Kawasaki	16	15	11 54 40 45
Ichihara	16	12	14 41 39 36
Yokohama M	16	12	14 33 36 36
Shimizu	16	10	16 43 52 31
Hiratsuka	16	10	16 39 52 30
Osaka G	16	10	16 34 51 30
Hiroshima	16	9	17 30 48 27
Fukuoka	16	8	18 36 54 26
Osaka C	16	8	18 33 50 24
Kyoto	16	5	21 17 52 15

Luxembourg			
CS Hobscheid	2	Aris Bonnevoie	1
US Rumelange	2	Sporting Mertzig	3
Union Luxembourg	1	Spora Luxembourg	1
F91 Dudelange	1	FC Rodange	0
Avenir Beggen	1	CS Grevenmacher	3
Jeunesse Esch	3	FC Wiltz	1

Table			
CS Grevenmacher	7	7	0 0 21 6 21
Jeunesse Esch	7	6	1 0 19 5 19
FC Wiltz	7	5	0 2 11 11 15
Avenir Beggen	7	3	2 2 15 8 11
Sporting Mertzig	7	3	2 2 15 11 11
CS Hobscheid	7	3	1 3 6 11 10
Un Luxembourg	7	2	3 2 13 9 9
Spo Luxembourg	7	0	5 2 9 12 5
Aris Bonnevoie	7	1	2 4 9 14 5
US Rumelange	7	1	2 4 8 14 5
F91 Dudelange	7	1	1 5 4 16 4
FC Rodange	7	0	1 6 6 19 1

Northern Ireland Premier Division			
Ards	2	Linfield	3
Cliftonville	1	Crusaders	1
Glenavon	2	Coleraine	3
Glentoran	2	Portadown	3

Table			
Coleraine	4	4	0 0 8 4 12
Crusaders	4	2	2 0 7 4 8
Linfield	4	2	1 1 6 3 7
Portadown	4	2	1 1 6 5 7

Cliftonville	4	1	2 1 3 3 5
Glenavon	4	1	1 2 6 9 4
Glentoran	4	0	1 3 6 9 1
Ards	4	0	0 4 5 10 0

NSW Amateur Soccer Federation Champion of Champions

Marconi	3	PCYC	2
Chullora	5	Parramatta	0
Marconi	0	Enfield	3
Pittwater RSL	2	Wagga United	4
FField Patric Bros	0	Inter Lions	2
Manly Vale	0	Hercules	2
Albion Park	5	Winston Hills	0
Dapto	2	Inter Lions	1
Woonona	2	Gosford City	2
Gosford City won 3-4 on penalties			
Bankstown Sports	0	Menai	4
Milperra Lions	0	Gymea	2
Padstow Hornets	1	St John Bosco	0
Crest	7	Quakers Hill	3
Epping Eastwood	8	Henry Lawson	0

Poland First Division

Sokol Tychy	0	Legia Warszawa	1
Gornick Zabrze	2	Hutnik Krakow	0
Widzew Lodz	4	GKS Katowice	0
Odra Wodzislaw	0	LKS Lodz	0
Wisla Krakow	0	Rakow Czesochowa	3
Slask Wroclaw	2	Amica Wronki	0
Zaglebie Lubin	1	Lech Poznan	0
Polonia Warszawa	0	GKS Belchatow	1
Ruch Chorzow	1	Stomil Olsztyn	1

Table			
Legia Warszawa	14	10	2 2 28 12 32
Widzew Lodz	14	9	4 1 29 7 31
GKS Katowice	14	6	6 2 20 16 24
Amica Wronki	14	7	3 4 17 16 24
Rakow Czesoch	14	6	3 5 15 14 21
Lech Poznan	14	6	2 6 17 18 20
Odra Wodzislaw	14	5	4 5 20 20 19
Hutnik Krakow	14	5	3 6 14 17 18
Wisla Krakow	14	5	3 6 12 15 18
Sokol Tychy	14	5	3 6 17 22 18
GKS Belchatow	14	5	3 6 18 18 18
Stomil Olsztyn	14	4	4 6 21 21 16
Zaglebie Lubin	14	4	4 6 16 20 16
Slask Wroclaw	14	4	3 7 14 18 15
Gornik Zabrze	14	4	3 7 17 22 15
Polon Warszawa	14	4	3 7 14 22 15
LKS Lodz	14	2	7 5 14 18 13
Ruch Chorzow	14	2	6 6 11 18 12

Portugal - 21 Oct -

Benfica	2	Estrela Amadora	0
Porto	1	Boavista	0
Setubal	4	Uniao Leiria	1
Gil Vicente	3	Chaves	0
Braga	0	Salgueiros	0
Leca	1	Espinho	1
Maritimo	1	Farense	0
Belenenses	2	Rio Ave	1
Guimaraes	0	Sporting	1

-26 Oct -			
Uniao Leiria	3	Belenenses	1
Chaves	0	Setubal	1
Salgueiros	3	Gil Vicente	2
Estrela Amadora	3	Braga	1
Farense	0	Leca	0
Rio ave	2	Maritimo	3
Boavista	2	Guimaraes	2
Espinho	0	Porto	0
Sporting	1	Benfica	0

Table			
Porto	8	6	2 0 15 2 20
Sporting	8	6	1 1 13 5 19
Benfica	8	6	1 1 13 5 19
Setubal	8	4	3 1 15 9 15
Espinho	8	4	2 2 9 9 14
Farense	8	4	2 2 7 4 14
Braga	8	3	3 2 13 12 12
Maritimo	8	3	3 2 11 11 12
Estrela Amadora	8	3	2 3 6 6 11
Boavista	8	2	3 3 10 11 9
Leca	8	2	3 3 7 5 9
Salgueiros	8	2	3 3 7 9 9
Guimaraes	8	2	2 4 10 13 8
Chaves	8	2	2 4 9 14 8
Belenenses	8	2	1 5 9 16 7

Uniao Leiria	8	2	0 6 6 17 6
Gil Vicente	8	1	1 6 9 18 4
Rio Ave	8	0	2 6 8 17 2

Scotland League Cup Semi Finals

Dunfermline	1	Rangers	6
Hearts	3	Dundee	1

The draw for the first and second rounds of the Scottish F.A. Cup.

First Round (Sat .Dec 7):			
Elgin	Whitehill Welfare		
Albion Rovers	Forfar		
Alloa	Hawick		
Huntly	Clyde		

Second Round (Sat. Jan 4)			
Stranraer	Inverness Caled.Thistle		
Ross County	Montrose		
Spartans	Arbroath		
Berwick	Peterhead		
Queens Park	Gala		
Elgin or Whitehil	Queen of South		
Brechin	Livingstone		
East Stirling	Brora		
Stenhousemuir	Hamilton		
Ayr	Huntley or Clyde		
Cowdenbeath	Dumbarton		
Albion Rovers or Forfar	Alloa or Hawick		

Scotland Premier Division			
Aberdeen	1	Raith	0
Dundee United	1	Hearts	0
Dunfermline	2	Kilmarnock	1
Hibernian	0	Celtic	0
Rangers	5	Motherwell	0

Table			
Rangers	10	8	1 1 25 7 25
Celtic	10	7	2 1 28 10 23
Aberdeen	10	5	3 2 21 10 18
Hibernian	10	4	2 4 9 16 14
Dunfermline	10	3	4 3 14 20 13
Hearts	10	3	3 4 12 17 12
Motherwell	10	2	5 3 10 13 11
Dundee United	10	2	3 5 7 10 9
Kilmarnock	10	2	2 6 11 20 8
Raith	10	1	1 8 8 22 4



Division 1			
East Fife	0	Airdrieonians	4
Greenock Morton	0	Dundee	0
Partick	3	Falkirk	0
St Johnstone	4	St Mirren	0
Stirling	2	Clydebank	0

Table			
Dundee	11	6	3 2 10 6 21
St Johnstone	11	6	2 3 19 8 20
Airdrieonians	11	5	5 1 22 12 20
Greenock Morton	11	5	2 4 13 10 17
Partick	11	4	4 3 18 10 16
St Mirren	11	4	2 5 17 17 14
Falkirk	11	4	2 5 8 10 14
Clydebank	11	4	1 6 10 18 13
Stirling	11	2	3 6 11 17 9
East Fife	11	1	4 6 8 28 7

Division 2			
Ayr	1	Brechin	0
Clyde	1	Hamilton	1
Dumbarton	1	Queen of the South	2
Livingston	2	Stranraer	0
Stenhousemuir	1	Berwick	1

Table			
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Ayr	11	8	2 1 23 10 26
Livingston	11	7	3 1 18 9 24
Hamilton	11	6	3 2 19 9 21
Stranraer	11	5	2 4 11 12 17
Clyde	11	4	3 4 13 14 15
Queen of the Sth	11	4	3 4 17 20 15
Stenhousemuir	11	2	5 4 13 7 11
Brechin	11	2	4 5 11 13 10
Dumbarton	11	1	3 7 10 21 6
Berwick	11	1	2 8 14 34 5

Division 3			
Arbroath	0	Alloa	2
Forfar	2	Inverness	0
Montrose	0	Cowdenbeath	2
Queen's Park	0	Ross County	3

Table			
Cowdenbeath	11	6	2 3 18 12 20
Alloa	11	5	3 3 17 13 18
Ross County	11	6	0 5 17 14 18
Inverness	11	5	3 3 18 16 18
Montrose	11	5	2 4 17 14 17
Albion	10	4	4 2 13 8 16
Forfar	11	4	2 5 18 21 14
Arbroath	11	2	4 5 7 13 10
Queen's Park	11	2	4 5 13 21 10
East Stirling	10	2	2 6 8 14 8

Spain - 23 Oct -

Sevilla	0	Barcelona	1
Atletico Madrid	1	Rayo Vallecano	3
Espanyol	2	Hercules	1
Oviedo	1	Real Betis	1
Racing Santander	1	Deportivo Coruna	1
Real Sociedad	1	Celta Vigo	2
Compostela	1	Athletic Bilbao	1
Logrones	0	Valladolid	1
Valencia	2	Sporting Gijon	1
Tenerife	2	Extremadura	1

- 27 Oct -			
Celta Vigo	0	Real Zaragoza	0
Athletic Bilbao	6	Logrones	0
Rayo Vallecano	2	Real Oviedo	2
Extremadura	1	Compostela	1
Hercules	0	Racing Santander	1
Deportivo Coruna	1	Real Sociedad	0
Real Madrid	0	Tenerife	0
Barcelona	3	Valencia	2
Real Betis	1	Espanyol	2
Sporting Gijon	0	Atletico Madrid	1

Table			
Barcelona	10	8	2 0 33 13 26
Real Madrid	10	6	4 0 21 8 22
Deportivo Coruna	10	6	4 0 16 5 22
Real Betis	10	5	3 2 18 8 18
Valladolid	9	5	2 2 13 7 17
Valencia	10	5	1 4 17 12 16
Athletic Bilbao	10	4	3 3 18 15 16
Racing Santander	10	4	4 2 13 13 16
Tenerife	10	4	2 4 18 11 14
Rayo Vallecano	10	4	2 4 17 14 14
Espanyol	10	4	2 4 15 14 14
Atletico Madrid	10	4	2 4 14 13 14
Real Sociedad	10	4	2 4 13 14 14
Celta Vigo	10	3	4 3 9 11 13
Oviedo	10	3	3 4 14 15 12
Sporting Gijon	10	3	3 4 11 15 12
Logrones	10	3	1 6

WORLD STORIES

MLS TITLE GOES TO WASHINGTON

Washington DC United scored three to overcome a two-goal deficit and beat Los Angeles Galaxy 3-2 in extra time last week to capture the first US Major League Soccer championship.

Defender Eddie Pope scored the game-winner in five minutes into extra time by heading in a corner kick by Bolivian international Marco Etcheverry from eight metres.

Etcheverry set up all three Washington goals and was the unanimous choice as the

game's Most Valuable Player. The championship match was played in driving rain with wind gusts reaching 80 kph, restricting the crowd to just under 35,000.

Los Angeles, winners in two of three MLS competition matches against Washington,



held a 2-0 lead until the 73rd minute.

Ecuadorian international Eduardo Hurtado opened the scoring in the fifth minute when he headed in a cross from Salvadoran international Mauricio Cienfuegos from eight metres.

In the 55th minute, Galaxy midfielder Chris Armas worked between two defenders and beat goalkeeper Mark Simpson.

In the second half, Washington coach Bruce Arena brought on attacking players Tony Sannah and

midfielder Shawn Medved who turned the game around.

After 73 minutes, Sannah headed in Etcheverry's indirect free kick to bring Washington within a goal.

The chance was set up after Galaxy defender Arash Noamouz' hard tackle on Jaime Moreno gave United a free kick from about 25 metres. Etcheverry's left-footed kick found Sannah, who headed home.

In the 82nd DC levelled the score when Medved converted his own rebound off another Etcheverry free kick.

MLS EXPANSION DELAYED

US Major League Soccer's announced 1998 expansion may be delayed a year because of doubts about stadium availability in Chicago, MLS commissioner Doug Logan said last week.

The league announced in August it hoped to add two clubs in 1998. This was contrary to plans not to expand the 10-team circuit for five years. Now its expansion plans may be delayed.

"With the lack of certainty

in Chicago, it's looking more and more like 1999," Logan said. "That will give us three full years to develop the American player pool."

The Chicago Bears of the

National Football League are seeking a new stadium or more likely a renovated Soldier Field, one of the nine venues used for the 1994 World Cup.

Current plans have renovations taking three years to complete during the American NFL off-season in spring and summer. This is during the MLS season. No timetable has been set, but Logan said the renovations maybe complete by 2001.



JUVENTUS FORCED TO SHARE POINTS

Second half substitute Marco Delvecchio snatched a last minute equaliser on Saturday to snatch a 1-1 draw for Roma with European Champions Juventus in a remarkable Italian league match at the Olympic Stadium.

The draw left Juventus two points clear at the top.

The stadium exploded in delight as Delvecchio crashed in the equaliser with seconds to go, staving off Roma's third consecutive defeat.

Juventus had taken the lead through Michele Padovano in the 50th minute and seemed to have the win sewn up.

Croat striker Alen Boksic, who played home matches at the stadium for three years

with Roma's city rivals Lazio, set up the goal with a cross from the edge of the area.

Padovano, with the rest of the Juventus team making his first appearance at the stadium since winning the European Cup there in May, gave young goalkeeper Giorgio Sterchele absolutely no chance with a strong, straight shot.

PORTO RUN AWAY WITH GAME

Sporting beat a nine-man Benfica 1-0 in a Lisbon derby between the two perennial rivals last weekend to let reigning champion Porto hold on to its lead in the Portuguese first division league.

Porto, who crushed newly-promoted Espinho 5-0 away, tops the table with 20 points while the two Lisbon sides share second place one point behind.

Benfica dominated the first half but were thwarted by the efforts of Sporting's Belgian keeper Filip de Wilde who made two excellent saves of

shots by Moroccan Tahar Kalej and Benfica's star striker Joao Pinto.

Sporting took control in the second half, scoring in the 51st minute with a header from defender Roberto Severo after a free kick by captain Oceano Cruz from just outside the area.

In the 60th minute Benfica, who meet Lokomotiv Moscow away in the Cup Winner's Cup on Thursday, lost Brazilian midfielder Jamir Gomes after a second bookable offence. Ten minutes from the final whistle Tahar Kalej got his marching orders after a second yellow card.

Porto, the only unbeaten side in the Portuguese first division this season, had Serbian winger Ljubimko Drulovic to thank for the extent of their victory since it was his crosses that ended in four of their goals.

Porto scored two minutes into the match through Brazilian Edmilson Pimenta.

Midfielder Rui Barros was next in the 22nd minute and Brazilian striker Mario Jardel took two in the 73rd and 85th minutes.

Austrian midfielder Arnold Wetli completed the route in the 78th minute.

BARCELONA BOOSTED BY RONALDO

Barcelona stretched its lead at the top of the Spanish first division to four points last Saturday thanks to an extraordinary hat-trick from brilliant striker Ronaldo in a 3-2 victory over Valencia.

Ronaldo's first came on the quarter-hour after he picked up the ball just outside the area, burst through a gap and kept his balance before beating keeper Zubizarreta with ease.

Portuguese winger Luis Figo set up the second 20 minutes

later when he caught Valencia square at the back to pass to Ronaldo, who ran 30 metres with the ball and shrugged off a challenge to make it 2-0.

Valencia came out strongly after the break, and pulled one back seven minutes into the second half when Francisco Ferreira headed home a cross by Gabriel Moya.

Six minutes later Valencia drew level when Russian midfielder Valery Karpin finished off some good work down the left by Argentine winger Claudio Lopez.

Ronaldo had missed a

golden opportunity to seal the game with the score at 2-1 when he failed to convert a well-weighted cross by Figo.

But he made amends 16 minutes from time with his best goal of the evening.

Taking the ball in the centre circle, he brushed aside one challenge, stayed on his feet despite being sandwiched by two defenders and once again beat Zubizarreta.

Second-placed Real Madrid slipped back a disappointing goalless draw at home to Tenerife.

Struggling champion

Atletico Madrid returned to winning ways by beating Sporting Gijon 1-0 thanks to a fine goal by Roberto Fresnedoso.

After three successive defeats, the result came as a relief to Atletico, who dominated the game and would have scored several more but for Sporting keeper Juan Carlos Ablanedo.

Another team who have not lived up to expectations this season, Espanyol, upset fourth-placed Real Betis 2-1.

ZEDS DO IT FOR INTER

Ivan Zamorano and fellow South American Zanetti enabled Inter to gain a 3-1 win over Parma before 48,000 at the San Siro.

Lazio, without Paul Okon in the starting line up, went down 1-2 to Atalanta of Bergamo.

He came on as sub in the 66th for South African Mark Fish. At that point Lazio were already two goals adrift. In the 73rd Casiraghi forced an error in the home defence and Rustico put the ball into his

own net. Milan's coach, Washington

Tabarez is under pressure as his team went down again this time by the only goal of the game to Fiorentina. However, Robbiati's successful strike didn't come until three minutes from time.

Five goals went into the nets in Naples as Napoli held out against Bologna to win 3-2.

Nervo gave the visitors the lead in the 21st and Caccia levelled the scores two minutes before the break.

Aglietti (51) and Cruz in the 65, pushed the Neapolitans to a 3-1 advantage but Bresciani reduced the arrears in the 74th.

The 'small town club' of Vicenza is now sitting in third spot just one point behind joint leaders Juventus and Inter.

Before 15,500 Vicenza beat Cagliari 2-0 with their goals coming from Okera in the 34th and Murgita half way through the second half.

LA CORUNA LIFT TO JOINT SECOND

A superb goal by Brazilian midfielder Donato gave Deportivo Coruna a 1-0 victory over Real Sociedad on the weekend, leaving it level on points with second-placed Real Madrid.

Donato's viciously swerving 35-metre shot in the 20th minute gave goalkeeper Alberto Lopez no chance.

"The goal was worth the match," said Deportivo chairman Augusto Lendoiro, whose side suffered heavy Real Sociedad pressure in the final minutes.

Deportivo stay in third place on goal difference behind Real Madrid who

slipped four points behind leader Barcelona after Saturday's goalless draw with Tenerife.

Barcelona had Brazilian striker Ronaldo, who scored an remarkable hat-trick, to thank for their 3-2 win over Valencia.

Logrones, beaten 8-0 by Barcelona last week, continued to leak goals today.

Julen Guerrero scored a hat-trick as Athletic Bilbao beat Logrones 6-0.

Athletic move up to seventh, followed on goal difference by Racing Santander who won 1-0 at struggling Hercules.



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LIVING HEALTH SIGNS UP WITH SASF

Living Health has renewed its sponsorship of the South Australian Soccer Federation for a further twelve months.

During this period much of the seating at Hindmarsh Stadium will become a smoke-free zone. All seated areas will be smoke-free except for one small Grandstand section. This

designated smoking area is already sold out.

As part of the sponsorship deal the Youth League will be renamed. It will be known as the Sunsmart National Youth League. The first games in this competition took place last Sunday morning.

The goal of Living Health, which is funded by a three cents a packet levy on all cigarettes and tobacco

products, is to promote a better state of health for everyone from South Australia. The three cents is a State Government tax.

This organisation works with health agencies, sporting, recreation and arts organisations to improve the facilities and amenities of venues, to ensure that healthy choices are available.

SUNSMART NATIONAL YOUTH LEAGUE RESULTS (South Australia Division)

27 OCTOBER 1996

Cumberland United	1	Adelaide Blue Eagles	2
Koutsouvelis		Puccini, Giordano	
Woodville City	5	Para Hills	1
Modbury		West Adelaide	
Wildy OG		Barbara	
Adelaide City	1	SASI	1
Cartwright		Ewing	

TEAM	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Woodville City	1	0	0	5	1	3
Adelaide Blue Eagles	1	0	0	2	1	3
Adelaide City	0	1	0	1	1	1
Modbury	0	1	0	1	1	1
SASI	0	1	0	1	1	1
Cumberland United	0	0	1	1	2	0
Para Hills	0	0	1	1	5	0

LEAGUE LADDER

South Melbourne	3	3	0	0	15	3	9
VIS	3	3	0	0	9	1	9
Sunshine Georgies	3	3	0	0	5	1	9
Green Gully	3	2	0	1	7	6	6
Collingwood Warriors	2	1	1	0	5	3	4
Melbourne Knights	3	1	1	1	7	6	4
Bentleigh Greens	2	1	0	1	4	2	3
Melbourne Knights Colts	3	1	0	2	6	7	3
Gippsland Falcons	3	1	0	2	6	8	3
Springvale City Reds	3	1	0	2	3	10	3
Heidelberg United	3	0	1	2	3	6	1
Box Hill	2	0	1	1	2	5	1
Thomastown Zebras	2	0	0	2	3	6	0
Altona Magic	3	0	0	3	3	14	0

YOUNG SOCCEROOS TO SOUTH AFRICA

After their recently completed trip to South America the Young Socceroos head west across the Indian Ocean to South Africa.

On Saturday November 9 the Green and Gold team goes into a game with their South African equivalents.

The game is a curtain raiser to the full international between the host country and Zaire which is a World Cup qualifier.

The eighteen players and the accompanying party will be away for eight days.

The players to travel are as follows:

T Baser, C Blatts, M Curcija, B Damianos - South Melbourne; S Colosimo, V Grella, J Maisano - AIS; B Emerton, C Gonzalez, I Zelic - UTS Olympic; M Garcia, D Milosevic - Canberra Cosmos, Reshat Mezensof - West Adelaide; L Osman, A Vargas, P Zois - VIS; M Pirone, C Salapatsidis - Adelaide City.



GEORGIE SCRAPE HOME

Week two began with Bentleigh Greens at home to Box Hill on Friday and the Greens ran out winners by four goals to one. An own goal after twenty-five minutes gave the Greens a start, but Box Hill equalised with a low, hard drive by Mark Saleme in 54 minutes. The Greens stepped up the pace and Con Papettas put them back in front. Greens used the full width of the park and the overlapping runs down the flanks resulted in more goals to Steve Gogos in 67 minutes and Chris Christou in 77 minutes.

Nick Popoulos was man of the match and Nick Rossios and Stefan Oter also stood out.

For the second week in a row Sunshine Georgies scraped home with a single goal only this time over Heidelberg United at Chaplin Reserve. Lee Bickle scored the only goal of the game after 75 minutes. Heidelberg defended well and had its chances to win at home.

Victorian Institute of Sport beat Melbourne Knights Colts by two goals to one on Sunday. Zoran Petrevski opened for the VIS and Brandon Vassallo scored a second four minutes after the interval. The Knights Colts would not give up Razov pulled a goal back in 80

minutes, but the VIS kept its collective nerve.

Gully defeated Altona Magic by the same score. David Maglovski got an early goal and John Kindtner a late one for Gully with an excellent shot into the top corner, but the Magic were unlucky when Peter Stojcevski's shot came back off the sweeper. Then with a few minutes left Michael Talevski put over a fine cross from the right Alexander Josifovski got a consolation goal for the Magic.

Melbourne Knights survived a continuous barrage from Gippsland Falcons, and finally won three goals to one at Knights Stadium. Mario Medugorac's persistence and skill laid on the opening goal for Branko Bacak's emphatic finish after 13 minutes. Foy, Manoa Masi and Archie Thompson were denied by some heroic Knights defending, led by Jason Vukadin and Tom Batur. Substitute Festim Zekiri gave the Knights some breathing space with a second goal in 58 minutes, but this only inspired pressure from the Falcons and Manoa Masi eventually ran the ball into the net after 69 minutes. Manny Gotis was unlucky to be penalised for a somewhat vicious tackle on Branko Bacak, but the striker thumped home the penalty kick and the Knights held on

NATIONAL YOUTH LEAGUE

VICTORIAN DIVISION

20 October 1996

Green Gully	2	2	0	0	7	2	6
South Melbourne	2	2	0	0	6	1	6
VIS	2	2	0	0	5	1	6
Sunshine Georgies	2	2	0	0	2	0	6
Melbourne Knights	2	1	1	0	6	4	4
Collingwood Warriors	2	1	1	0	5	3	4
Bentleigh Greens	2	1	0	1	4	2	3
Melbourne Knights Colts	2	1	0	1	5	4	3
Thomastown Zebras	1	0	0	1	0	2	0
Gippsland Falcons	2	0	0	2	2	5	0
Box Hill	1	0	0	1	1	4	0
Altona Magic	2	0	0	2	1	5	0
Springvale City Reds	2	0	0	2	1	9	0

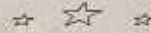
LEADING GOALSCORERS

Bacak	Melbourne Knights	3
Kablar	Melbourne Knights Colts	3
Opazo	South Melbourne	3
Tsirtis	South Melbourne	3
Bouzis	Collingwood Warriors	2
Masi	Gippsland Falcons	2
Kindtner	Green Gully	2
Razov	Melbourne Knights Colts	2

for victory.

South Melbourne overran the young Springvale City team with two goals in each half. Opazo and George Tsirtis scored in the first

period and Opaza completed his hat-trick with two good goals after the interval.



National Youth League (Victorian Division)

Round Three

26 & 27 OCTOBER 1996

Gippsland Falcons	4	Thomastown Zebras	3
Villani, Noppert, Halikias, Hutchinson.		Impiombato, Forte	
Altona Magic	2	South Melbourne	9
Cergovski, Siveski.		Allsopp (3), Opazo (3), Curcija (2), Baser.	
Collingwood Warriors	v	Bentleigh Greens	
Heidelberg United	1	Box Hill	1
Amaridis.		Selimi.	
Melbourne Knights Colts	1	Sunshine Georgies	
Kablar.		De Bono, Bickle, Monitio.	
Springvale City	2	Melbourne Knights	1
Bertone, Navarro.		Bacak.	
VIS	4	Green Gully	0
Carey, Osman, Petrovski, Cuzzuppe.			

In a recent edition of ABSW we brought you a story of Westfields Sport High from Fairfield in the west of the Sydney conurbation. They are on a tour of England, five matches have taken place so far and the results are as follows:

October 16	v	Crystal Palace	won	2-0
October 19	v	North Kent Combined High Schools	won	1-0
October 21	v	Everton U/16	won	0-1

Note: Everton undefeated for two years

October 22	v	Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School Blackburn	1-0
October 23	v	England's National Under 15 Squad at Lilleshall	2-5

We'll bring you more news as it comes to hand —

News in Brief



... by BOB BROOKS



The question on many a Soccer fan's mind this week is - Tahiti. When did the Aussies ever play them?

Well it happened in 1980 in Noumea, capital of New Caledonia. The occasion was the 2nd Oceania Cup Final. Australia won 4-2.

Most of us have a vision of Tahiti being a tropical paradise which has some French influence. Captain Cook spent a considerable amount of time there in the 1700s. His crew were reluctant to leave when the time came.



A complaint in the Press Box at Belmore the other Saturday night, was the fact that Olympic's red numbers on the wide blue and white stripes were virtually impossible to see.

According to informed sources designers spent three weeks getting the shirts and numbers just right! They obviously forgot to check them out under lights and from 50-70 metres away.



Well known coach in the Wollongong area, Glenn Fontana is off to the UK in December, hope he has a great deal of warm clothing otherwise he could find out what 'brass monkey weather' can do!

He is visiting Celtic, QPR, Wimbledon, West Ham, Bolton, Fulham, Arsenal and Manchester United, to study those clubs' Youth set ups.

Fontana is Director of Coaching responsible for Youth Policies, training and whatever at the Illawarra Youth Academy.



Reports have it that Ivan Kelic will soon be back in the Lakers camp. He is returning after playing professionally in the Singapore League.

Another striker back from Singapore is Abbas Saad. He will try to forget his unhappy experiences in the Island State as he attempts to resurrect his career with UTS Olympic.



Some surprise has been expressed at the entry of Sydney United to the NSW Super League.

Apparently this is all part of a grand plan to bring on full time professional players at the Club.

They will need to put on the field and finance five senior teams consisting of the Ericsson Cup, the National Youth League, NSW Super League Firsts, Under 21s and Under 18s.

This being the case then they'll need a pool of 70-80 to sustain their involvement in all areas in which they want to compete.



What preparations are in place at Carlton for their entry into next season's Ericsson Cup?

It is well past the time when they should have appointed the Coach. He needs to be working to put his squad of players together.

Apparently a budget of \$2m has been set aside for the first season. A very handy sum, indeed. But a team needs an organisation behind it.

Maybe they can share the new national coach!



What a set up at Rochdale. The Queensland Premier League Club, which is situated south of the Brisbane CBD, has a licensed club restaurant from where it is possible to view a game taking place on the adjoining pitch.

There is a fine covered stand for families, and another separate area where fans can watch the game while having an alcoholic beverage.

Reliable information says

that's an excellent cup of coffee can be purchased. The coffee makers use a high quality machine for the purpose and the cappuccino is particularly fine.



Ever thought about some of the challenges of running an elite soccer championship?

The games are over a week. The strips have to be worn, washed, dried and given back to the correct team.

What if it rains? How to get 15 shirts dry!

If the rain is heavy, what happens if the pitch or pitches, being used becomes waterlogged? Maybe borrow the mechanical sponge from the Gabba or the MCG?

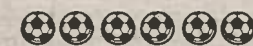


Good Luck to Greystanes Soccer Club who will play in the NSW Soccer Federation, Division 1 in 1997.

In successive seasons they have moved up from Division 5, always as the winners. They remain an amateur Club, however. This must be reasonably unique.

Are Greystanes the only amateurs in such a high level competition.

They're seeking players of First Division standard and they have an advertisement on page 2 of this issue.

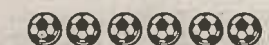


South Melbourne continues to keep the innovations moving. At their Champions Sports Bar from noon this Friday November 1, they have a so called, "Coach's Luncheon".

This is an opportunity to meet Angie Postecoglou and tell him what's on your mind!

The Lakers coach will give you the latest news, discuss strategies and give up to the minute team changes.

Give 'em a call on 03 9645 9797.



Shame that Australia won 6-0 in Papeete. It would have been better for a crowd in Canberra on Friday night if the scores had have been closer.

However, the match is an 'A' international and gives Canberrians the opportunity to see top line players in action.



Janene Mar has confirmed that the USA Women's team is coming to our shores in January from the 20th to the 28th.

The American women are current Olympic champions after beating China in the Final by 2 goals to 1.

They should be a pleasure to watch, so keep your eyes peeled.



Expect a big crowd at Perth Oval when the Glory entertain Canberra Cosmos with a 4.00pm kick off.

The game is on Sunday November 3.



Anyone got any tips for the Melbourne Cup? It's just a few days away.

It is a day unique in the World. No other country stops to see a horse race!

Maybe sometime in the future, the Socceroos will stop to see Australia in the World Cup Final - I should live so long.



WORLD STORIES

continued . . .

BOGUS TICKET INQUIRY AFTER STADIUM TRAGEDY

Soccer officials have promised to step up efforts to halt sales of counterfeit tickets which they believe contributed to 81 deaths at a Guatemala World Cup qualifier last week.

Regional soccer president Jack Warner announced the formation of a special commission to study and make recommendations regarding the problem of counterfeit tickets for official events.

He says in light of the tremendous tragedy in Guatemala, and the apparent relationship of counterfeit tickets, it is incumbent upon his organisation to take action to protect the public from this type of criminal behaviour.

A week last Wednesday, 81 people were killed in an

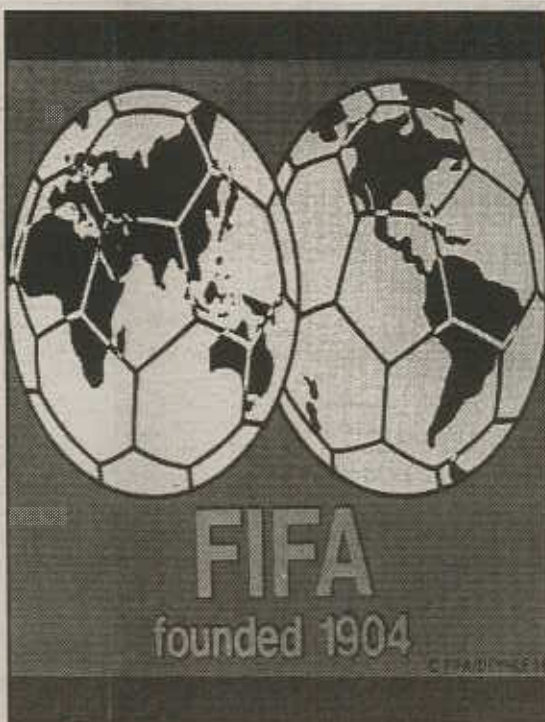
avalanche of bodies at Mateo Flores Stadium in Guatemala City prior to a zone World Cup qualifying match between Guatemala and Costa Rica.

The tragedy was strangely reminiscent of the Hillsborough crowd disaster at Sheffield, England in 1989.

This was at an FA Cup Semi Final between Liverpool and Nottingham Forest.

Thousands of supporters pushed forward from the back, trapping fans against a wall which surrounded the pitch and many of those at the front were tragically crushed to death.

The final death toll at Hillsborough was over 90.



Mazzone returns to Cagliari

Carlo Mazzone was confirmed as the new coach of Serie A club Cagliari here last week, his second term at the club.

Mazzone, who replaces the Uruguayan Gregorio Perez sacked earlier as Cagliari are 16th in the League, signed a two year contract worth \$A629,500.

Mazzone coached Cagliari till 1993 when he left for AS Roma, where he stayed for three years until he was replaced by the Argentinian Carlos Bianchi.

Cagliari is the only club from the island of Sardinia.

Sardinia is off the west coast of Italy.

They currently lie second bottom of Serie A.

It is many years since they won the Scudetto.



Carlo Mazzone returns to Cagliari as 'the Boss'.



WOMEN'S WRITES

BY JANENE MAR



UP FOR THE CUP IN CANBERRA

This Friday (1 November), the two ITC's from ACT and NSW will fight it out for the inaugural Academy Cup. The challenge to claim the trophy will ensure added spice to the clash, the first on a triple bill at Canberra's Bruce Stadium.

The Academy Cup has been donated by the ACT Soccer Federation, and is hoped to become an annual event between the two outfits both sporting new names. In recognition of the support received from the State sports institute, the ITC programs will now be referred to as the ACT Academy of Sport and the NSW Institute of Sport.

The last similar one-off match between the rival sides was back in February in Wollongong, a fixture which entertained the good size crowd, ending in a 3-2 scoreline in favour of ACT.

Two rather differing line-ups will take the field in Canberra. The most notable feature will be the three 1995 World Cup players who have recently 'migrated' from their home States. Sarah Cooper (NT) and Traci Bartlett (NSW) have now based themselves in Canberra, with Louise McMurtrie (QLD) moving south to Sydney.

The absence of midfield

general Joanne Peters will be sorely felt by the young NSWIS team, unavailable due to school commitments. Apart from McMurtrie, the NSWIS line-up closely resembles that of the champion NSW State Youth Team.

Coach Connie Selby however stresses the fourteen players travelling to Canberra is a one-off combination. With the program currently going through trials involving a total of 24 players, the makeup of the 1997 squad is yet to be decided.

Selby acknowledges the importance of the NSW ITC women's soccer program being accepted into the NSW Institute of Sport. "It illustrates the progress our sport is making," she said.

Amazingly, NSW is only just this year establishing its own State sports institute, the last of the Australian States to do so. With Sydney named to host the next Olympic Games, the NSW government has finally realised it has been lagging behind all this time and has set about rectifying the situation.

NSWIS will boost the existing ITC program operating out of SNSW headquarters Glenwood (Parklea) through the provision of specialist services including sports



science/medicine, career and education management, psychology, and personal/professional development. The Institute will also be a vital source of additional funding to the overall program.

ACT Coach Chris Tanzey also expresses his gratitude to the ACT Academy for the input of resources and services, saying the players respond to working in a professional environment.

He is happy to welcome the experience of Cooper and Bartlett into his team to help along the younger members.

This week's fixture may also see the comeback of Karly Pumpa, who underwent knee surgery in the aftermath of that Wollongong clash.

"It will be nice to have something to play for - it should be a pretty tough game," concluded Tanzey.

Due to the packed schedule of matches, there is no room for extra time or penalties should the scores be level at full-time. In the event of a score draw, the team which scored the first goal will be judged the winner. Should it end up at 0-0, the Cup will not be presented.

FRIDAY 1 NOVEMBER 1996 BRUCE STADIUM, CANBERRA 3.30pm — ACADEMY CUP ACT Academy of Sport v NSW Institute of Sport

Colours: Navy/white/yellow/green

Amy Beattie
Dior Foxhill
Traci Bartlett
Peita-Claire Hepperlin
Amanda Butler
Sarah Cooper
Amy Taylor
Amy Wilson
Cindy Doyle
Angie Bean (capt)
Danielle Hepperlin
Kim Channing
Felicity Cox
Angela Osztrekovicz
Mary Pele
Karly Pumpa
Taryn Riley
Coach: Chris Tanzey
Asst Coach: Steve Hoszowski
Manager: Howard Taylor
Physio: Roz Penfold

Colours: Sky blue/navy

Cassandra Kell
Danielle Clarke
Kristine Collins
Neisha Klessatel
Nicole Davis
Ashley Hewson
Louise McMurtrie
Kelly Golebiowski
Taryn Rockall (capt)
Heather Garrlock
Sandra Stavrou
Amanda Boyle
Danielle Smith
Lisa Collins

Coach: Connie Selby
Asst Coach: Leigh Wardell

5.30pm — ERICSSON CUP Canberra Cosmos v Newcastle Breakers 8.00pm — CONFEDERATION CUP OCEANIA QUALIFIER — Australia v Tahiti

USA CONFIRM TOUR

Olympic gold medallists Team USA have confirmed their tour to Australia in January 1997.

Deserved winners in Atlanta for the inaugural participation of women's soccer at the Olympic Games, USA has long been held by supporters around the world as the number one nation in the game. The former World Cup champions enjoy fantastic funding support, and are by far the most professional and

innovative in their elite program and style of play.

After an intensive full-time seven month Olympic campaign, it will be interesting to see what players will be available for the USA's first tour to Australia, and what stage of the National Team program coach Tony Dicicco will be adopting at that time of the year.

Renowned for his constant involvement of team play, tactics and team personnel,



Dicicco may take the opportunity to try out new systems whilst on tour. But whatever the processes in force, the USA outfit will provide the highest level of

competition for the Australian Team and an insight into their methods of operation, not to mention a fantastic opportunity for the local fans to see the champs in the flesh.

Now that the US has confirmed the tour for 20-28 January, AWSA has also invited Korea and Japan, in the hope that either will accept the proposal to play Australia as a lead-up before the mighty challenge of taking on the Americans.

BECOME A REFEREE IN NSW

A referee's course specifically encouraging female recruits is to be conducted over the next five weeks in the Sydney suburb of Merrylands.

The enormous growth of women's soccer both in Australia and worldwide includes great opportunities for female referees to reach the highest levels. FIFA has shown its commitment to developing elite female officials both in the 1995 World Cup and this year's

Olympic Games.

The course commences this Saturday 2 November at 2.00pm and runs over four successive Saturdays, concluding with a two hour exam the following Saturday, 30 November.

Venue is the Merrylands Bowling Club, and course cost of \$15 includes all course materials. Registrations close Wednesday 30 October. Please contact Louise Yates at SNSW (02) 9629 1800 or Stephen Courtney (02) 9630 2080.



ALAGICH RETURNS FROM KNEE INJURY

Seventeen year old Aussie defender Dianne Alagich is thankfully starting to return to the round ball game after the long haul of rehabilitation from knee reconstruction surgery. The news has prompted Tom Sermanni to recall the South Australian into next month's National Training Camp at the AIS.

Alagich suffered the untimely injury early into the M-Wey Tri-Series in Auckland last March and was diagnosed with a torn cruciate ligament.

An incredible athlete, Alagich not only represents her country in soccer, but is also one of the nation's top kayakers, and the injury was thought at the time to deny her opportunities in both sports. But amazingly, through some intensive physiotherapy and strengthening gym work, she was cleared to compete in Europe with the Australian Junior Kayak Team in May, with the surgery booked in immediately upon her return home.

"We did really well in Europe," recalled Alagich. "And my knee was

fine over there. Two days later, I had the reconstruction - that was four months ago today." Alagich and her K4-500 crew finished fourth in a major international regatta in Bochum, Germany, and came away with a creditable second in the B-final of the Junior World Cup in Hungary.

Alagich describes those four months of recovery as a 'very long road'. "It's been pretty painful, but every day it gets better. I'm slowly getting there. It's really good now, and I'm doing some running and kicking."

The long process began with a series of exercises three times a day, moving, bending and straightening the leg. Muscle tensing exercises helped avoid any undue muscle wastage, although Alagich says she already had 'one skinny leg'.

Alagich is not back training with the ITC Squad yet, but sees coach Kevin McCormack regularly at the SA Sports Institute, and keeps in touch with fellow internationals Kristyn Swaffer and Sharon Black. "Because I'm still limited in what I can do, I'm training on my own, trying to get my skills back

a bit. I've missed soccer big time."

The youngster is grateful for the opportunity to participate in the national camp after such a long period away from the game. National Team physiotherapist Ed Hollis will be assessing the knee during camp. "He'll see when I can start training again with the ITC, and it will be great to be back with the girls."

But it hasn't just been a lonely grind for the dual international since undergoing the knife. Six weeks after the operation, Alagich was back in the kayak. She has been training twice a day, and competed in a regatta last weekend.

As for making her return on terra firma, Alagich says it will probably be about six months when she'll be back playing local competition. "I'll just see how I go - I guess it will be when I'm physically and mentally ready."

But she has been buoyed by the news of the new summer competition and the coming tour of the USA Team, and holds some hope to making an appearance by then. "Maybe, maybe I'll be there."



Alagich has never lost sight of again playing in the green and gold, and when asked of her future prospects, her simple response was "Definitely". With Alagich's impressive work ethic and determination, it may not be all that long before she works her way back into the Aussie lineup.

England fail to qualify

England have failed to qualify for the finals tournament of the UEFA European Championship for the first time, going down to Spain 3-2 over two legs. Spain's surprise victory signalled their first ever qualification into the top eight finals of the event.

England's demise could be a real setback for the sport, having finished in the top group of the championship since its inception in 1983. Just last year, England were impressive in reaching the quarter-finals of the World Cup.

But England boss Ted Copeland is playing down the situation, refusing to regard it as any sort of a crisis, saying the Team is going through a transitional period with many

young players. The loss now means the England team has no further international competition matches until September 1997.

The European Championship has been contested by 34 teams over eight groups, with preliminary play-offs having started way back in September 1995. The competition climaxes with the top eight nations battling it out in the finals tournament, scheduled for June 1997.

That top eight has now been decided through the playoffs, and consists of Denmark, France, Germany, Spain, Norway, Russia, Italy, and Sweden.

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SOUTH AMERICA

— COMPILED BY MARIO ETCHART —



Penarol Once Again Uruguayan Champion

Penarol, one of the greatest clubs in South America, and the most popular at home, has won the Uruguayan league for the fourth time in a row after its 1-0 win in the first leg and a 1-1 draw, in the second, against its eternal enemy, Nacional of Montevideo.

The oldest club in the country, who celebrated its 105th anniversary a month ago, last week added to the celebrations a new championship and the sweetest victory of all.

Under the guidance of Gregorio Perez, Penarol won the Uruguayan league in 1993, 1994 and 1995. This year with a new coach in former goalkeeper Jorge Fossati, the former South American and World champions reached its 35th national title, a mark no other team can match.

Among its greatest achievements Penarol has won five Libertadores Cup (1960, 1961, 1966, 1982 and 1987) and three Inter Continental Cups or Toyota Cups (1961, 1966 and 1982).

The Uruguayan champion, weakened by the selling of some of its best

players to European and Argentine clubs in the past two years, showed determination and character in its search for glory, the unique trade mark associated the best clubs in the world.

Nacional was, for most of the experts, the favourite to win the competition. With some of the country's best players and a great showing in the Uruguayan league second phase, the eventual losers had everything going for them.

But once again, against all odds, the champions proved the experts, and their rivals how wrong they were.

1ST LEG:

PENAROL 1 NACIONAL 0

Played: Centenario Stadium, Montevideo
Crowd: 35,000

PENAROL: Navarro, Aguirregaray, Oliveira, Jose De los Santos, Tais, Gonzalo De los Santos, Rotundo, Lima, Bengoechea (Aguilera 64), Rodriguez (Garcia 72), Pacheco (Gonzalez 82).

Coach: Fossati.
NACIONAL: Nicola, Badell, Cabrera, Silva,



Dominguez, Abeijon, Tito, Recoba, Parodi (Lemos 61), Gonzalez, Ravera (Fernandez 74).

Coach: Puppo
Goal: Tais (26)
Referee: Mendez (Uruguay)
Man of the Match: Lima (Penarol)

2ND LEG:

PENAROL 1 NACIONAL 1

Played: Centenario Stadium, Montevideo.
Crowd: 45,000

NACIONAL: Nicola,

Badell, Cabrera, Silva (Jara 45), Dominguez, Abeijon, Tito (Parodi 18), Recoba, Ravera (Gonzalez 60), Canobbio.

Coach: Puppo
PENAROL: Navarro, Aguirregaray, Oliveira, Jose De los Santos, Tais (De Souza 89), Gonzalo De los Santos, Rotundo, Lima, Bengoechea (Aguilera 80), Rodriguez, Pacheco (Gutierrez 61).

Goals: Pacheco (Penarol 54), Parodi (Nacional 60)
Red Cards: Ostolaza 58 (Nacional) and Aguirregaray (Penarol); Rodriguez 68 (Penarol), Jara 85 (Nacional).

Referee: Bello (Uruguay)
Man of the Match: Tais (Penarol)

THE CHAMPIONS SQUAD

Goalkeepers: Sergio Navarro, Claudio Flores (Uruguayan U/23 international). Sergio Martinez.

Defenders: Edgardo Adinolfi (Uruguayan international), Oscar Aguirregaray, Jose De los Santos, Nelson Gutierrez, Robert Lima, Nelson Oliveira (Uruguayan international), Carlos Soca, Washington Tais (Uruguayan international).

Midfielders: Danilo Baltierra, Pablo Bengoechea (Uruguayan international), Gonzalo De los Santos (Uruguayan U/23 international), Marcelo De Souza, Ruben Pereira, Nicolas Rotundo.

Strikers: Boris Acuna, Carlos Aguilera, Martin Broli, Martin Garcia, Andre Gonzalez, Gerardo Federico Magallanes, Antonio Pacheco, Luis Romero, Heberley Sosa (Uruguayan U/23 international).

ACOSTA NAMES CHILE WORLD CUP SQUAD

Colo Colo's prolific goalscorer, Ivo Basay, midfielders Luis Chavarria from Concepcion, Wilson Contreras (Huachipato), and Luis Perez (Universidad Catolica) are the new inclusions in the Chilean national team to face Uruguay on November 12 in Santiago.

Chile's coach, Nelson Acosta, named the following squad for the crucial match against the Uruguayans in the South American World Cup qualifying group for France '98:

Goalkeepers: M. Ramirez (Colo Colo), N. Tapia (Universidad Catolica).

Defenders: C. Castaneda and R. Fuentes (Universidad de Chile), P. Reyes and J.C. Gonzalez (Colo Colo), and M. Miranda (Cobrelao).

Midfielders: J. Contreras (Concepcion), F. Cornejo (Cobrelao), V. Castaneda and C. Mora (Universidad de Chile), W. Contreras (Huachipato), L. Perez (Universidad Catolica), L. Chavarria (Concepcion).

Strikers: S. Rozental



Ivan Zamorano: Chile's star forward.

(Universidad Catolica), Ivo Basay (Colo Colo), R. Goldberg (Universidad de Chile), Ivan Zamorano (Inter Milan) and midfielder Luis Musrri (Universidad de Chile).

So far, Acosta hasn't considered defenders Francisco Rojas (Tenerife, Spain) and Javier Margas, midfielder Sebastian Estay, and strikers Marcelo Salas (River Plate, Argentina) and Fernando Vergara (Colo Colo).

SOUTH AMERICAN CONMEBOL CUP QUARTER FINALS

2ND LEG LANUS (ARGENTINA) 6 GUARANI (PARAGUAY) 2

Played: Lanus Stadium, Buenos Aires, Argentina.
Crowd: 4,000

LANUS: Roa, Serrizuela, Falaschi, Siviero, Barrios (Bressan 85), Fernandez, Mena, Lacosegliaz, Coyette, Belloso (Ibagaza 77), Coimbra (Lopez 71).

Coach: Cuper
GUARANI: Espinola, Sanchez, Ortiz, Ocampos,

Issasi, Silva (Paniagua 29), Franco, Ovelar, Soto, Gonzalez, Rojas.

Coach: Cayetano Re
Goals: Lanus - Belloso (11, 68), Falaschi (26), Lopez (72), Mena (83), Coyette (89). Guarani - Rojas (70 pen.), Issasi (83).

Referee: Chile.

1ST LEG GUARANI 0 LANUS 2

Lanus will play title holder Rosario Central of Argentina in one of the semi finals.

BRAGANTINO (BRAZIL) 0 INDEPENDIENTE

SANTA FE (COLOMBIA) 0

Played: Bragantino Stadium, Sao Paulo, Brazil.
Crowd: 3,000

BRAGANTINO: Marcelo, Viana, Marco, Jandilson, Rubens, Marcio, Caniggia, Maurinho, Esquerdinha, Kelly, Edilson.

INDEPENDIENTE SANTA FE: Dudamel, Florez, Garces, Gutierrez, Upegui, Villamizar, Zea, Salcedo, Vidales, Wittingham, Diaz.

Referee: Iolivetto (Argentina)

1ST LEG INDEPENDIENTE SANTA FE 1 BRAGANTINO 0

Independiente qualifies for the semi finals.

STH AMERICAN SUPERCUP

2ND LEG CRUZEIRO (BRAZIL) 1 BOCA JNRS (ARGENTINA) 1

CRUZEIRO WON 7-6 ON PENALTIES

Played: Mineirao Stadium, Belo Horizonte (Brazil)
Crowd: 41,000

CRUZEIRO: Dida, Texeira, Gelson, Gilmar, Nonato, Fabinho, Ricardinho, Donizete (Cleisson 45), Palinha, Ailton (Da Silva 55), McLaren.

Coach: Culp.
BOCA JUNIORS: Navarro Montoya, Lorenzo, Caceres, Fabbri, Matellan, Toresani, Basualdo (Cagna 45), Pompei, Dollberg, Cedres (Latorre 71), Rambert (Martinez 77).

Coach: Bilardo.
Goals: Cruzeiro - McLaren (12). Boca - Cedres (63).

Referee: Velazquez (Paraguay)
Red card: Fabinho (80)
First leg: Boca Juniors 0 Cruzeiro 0
Cruzeiro qualifies for the semi finals.

OLIMPIA (PARAGUAY) 0 VELEZ SARSFIELD



(ARGENTINA) 1

Played: Defensores del Chaco Stadium, Asuncion, Paraguay
Crowd: 19,000

OLIMPIA: Tavarelli, Caceres, Franco, Caniza, Paredes, Esteche (Jara 46), Bourdier, Sotelo (Mendoza 46), Samaniego, Torres, Caballero.

Coach: Cubilla.

VELEZ SARSFIELD: Jose Luis Chilavert, Herrera, Pellegrino, Sotomayor (Banegas 75), Cardozo, Husain, Gomez, Bassedas (Mendes 62), Morigi, Posse, Camps (Cordone 68).

Coach: Piazza.
Goal: Camps (29)
Referee: Matto (Uruguay)
Yellow cards: Olimpia - Caceres, Franco, Velez - Gomez.

First leg: Velez Sarsfield 3 Olimpia 0
Velez Sarsfield qualifies for the semi finals.

ATLETICO NACIONAL (COLOMBIA) 3 SANTOS (BRAZIL) 1

SANTOS WON 7-6 ON PENALTIES

Played: Atanasio Girardot Stadium, Barranquilla, Colombia.
Crowd: 34,000

ATLETICO NACIONAL: Tuberguia, Ospina, Perea, Cordoba, Mosquera, Serna, Gaviria, Garcia, Morantes, Trellez, Angel.

SANTOS: Edinho, Anderson, Ronaldo, Jean, Sandro (Camanducaia 69), Marcos Adriano, Carlinhos, Assunzao, Wagner (Pia 61), Jamelli, Alessandro.

Goals: Nacional - Gaviria (38), Trellez (64), Serna (76). Santos - Camanducaia (74).

Referee: Castrilli (Argentina)
Red card: Nacional - Trellez (64).
First leg: Santos 2 Atletico Nacional 0.

In Brief . . .

After guiding Penarol to win the 1996 Uruguayan league, Jorge Fossati resigned as coach of the champions. Fossati didn't have a good relationship with most of the players.

His replacement could be Gregorio Perez, the Uruguayan tactician recently sacked by Italian Serie A club Cagliari.

Perez took Penarol to win the Uruguayan soccer league in 1993, 1994 and

1995.

Last January he joined Independiente of Argentina, but midway through the Argentine second phase, he resigned to take over the coaching position with Cagliari.



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MOVING & SHAKING

The woe continues at Ewood Park as Blackburn were bundled out of the 'fizzy pop Cup' last week. After receiving the dreaded "Vote of Confidence" from the board recently, one wonders how much longer the Directors will be able to stand the run of dire results of late.

Rumours are that Dennis Wise may not be happy at

Chelsea and could soon be winging his way north with the possibility of Mark Hughes doing the same? Hughes' family have already left London and returned to the Lancashire area as they cannot settle in the big city. "Sparky" will not want to be separated from his family for too long so keep an eye open for further developments.

Chelsea lose lifelong fan of means

What a fickle mistress fate turns out to be. The late Matthew Harding helped to save Chelsea Football Club because as a lifelong fan, his dream was for the club to own the ground and build a team capable of winning trophies.

True enough, he and Ken Bates had many a fall out with Harding offering him 20m Stg. via a pension package, to walk away from Stamford Bridge and never return. Obviously this was refused and at the time, no one knew that fate was preparing to play the final and most saddening trump card, Matthew Harding was killed in a helicopter crash last week. There were no survivors.

Chairman Bates is reported to have released the news with tears in his eyes, although no love was lost between the two perhaps, both men knew they

shared a common goal, the success of a football team they both love. Mr Bates offered his most sincere condolences to the Harding family.

He was also asked by the baying hounds whether Chelsea would survive without the cash of the Harding Empire and he retorted, quite justifiably; "Now isn't the time to be concerned about money but for the information of those who know nothing, Matthew Harding made provisions in the event of such circumstances and Chelsea Football Club are financially sound and will continue to be so".

Dave Beale of the Chelsea Supporters Club Down Under revealed that though Bates is seen as the saviour of the club, Harding was certainly the right hand man. Rumours that he was owed money by the club are without foundation



and on the day they signed Frank Leboeuf, Harding was paid the last of the outstanding debts.

The hand of fate appeared again when it was revealed that Bates, Harding and some of the other club officials were to travel in the helicopter together for the match at

Burnden Park but on the Sunday prior to the game, Bates decided to go on the coach with the players and was accompanied by some of the officials. Tragic that this happened, had Bates been travelling on the ill-fated flight, it would no doubt have had catastrophic consequences

for the London side.

Further arrangements were made in the event of these circumstances, with the Royal Bank of Scotland, Chelsea have until after the year 2000 to buy the ground back at the original price paid by Harding. You can be assured that this will be done of course.

In a fitting tribute, the newly built North Stand, will be called the "Matthew Harding Stand" and all English clubs held a 'one minute silence' before their game's last weekend. The players donned black armbands as a sign of respect.

With all sincerity, may we also extend our heartfelt condolences to the Harding family, their friends and all at Chelsea Football Club and also to a man who was one of us - a true football supporter.

May he Rest In Peace.

COTTEE SOON FOR MALAYSIA

Best wishes to Tony Cottee when playing for Selangor in Malaysia from December this year. He has signed a 12 month contract with an option for a further 12 months and the fee to West Ham is reportedly around the 750,000 stg mark

(Aus \$1.5m).

Cottee is a real pocket dynamo, down to earth and a pleasure to speak to. He said: "It will be a wrench to leave as I love this club but the deal was right and so was the timing."

His playing career has

spanned just two English clubs, Everton who paid 2.3m for his services, which was sandwiched between stints at the Hammers. His combined 14 years at the East End club yielded 279 league appearances and 115 goals to add to his 72 goals in 184

appearances for Everton. He also claimed 7 full England caps.

At 31 years of age, Cottee is probably making his last big move before hanging up the boots. We wish him well.

☆☆☆



Tony Cottee: Malaysia bound to end his career

HOT OFF THE PRESS

Hot off the press comes "The 6th eleven plus two" of the wonderful 'Roy of the Drovers' football story, for those who have not yet had the pleasure, Roy is a young lad of extreme skills who joins non-league Crawley Town FC and helps them on their way to perhaps FA Cup glory, they've already disposed of Man Utd on their home turf!

Fat Sam is the manager of the team who regularly breaks out in boils of a most unusual

kind and in the most unusual of places. He's ably assisted, (should read afflicted), by Spongy, the trainer. Together with Thumper Muldoon (Chairman), Jolly Jim (Coach Driver and wind assisted?) and the players, 'Choco' Thornton, Mick Shufflegate, Wayne 'The Dude' Stanford, Eddie 'Big John' Thomas, Leroy and Co., the lads set off on an hilarious trail of mayhem and mishaps as they march towards their goal - Wembley Stadium in May.

There are many other

characters like 'Bostik' Brian, an investigative reporter caught in the wilds of South America so he cannot break a story, Roy's Grandfather and Polly the maid and Roy's true love 'Big Tracey' et al.

Do yourselves a favour, read the story so far by contacting: Scorchers, 3 Double Days, Burgess Hill, West Sussex RH15-0HT. This latest edition of the story is priced at a mere 2:00 stg but I wonder how the author - William Newman - can consistently come up with such

wonderful stories and happenings.

Most who have followed the game will see such parity with actual events, they'll be nodding their heads in agreement with every word. As was stated in Four-Four-Two when they reviewed the last edition: "You would expect a story of this kind to be better suited to a cartoon strip but with words this good, who needs pictures" I'll echo that statement many times over. Bloody brilliant as ever!

HAMMERS ON UP & UP

West Ham had a fine win over Nottingham Forest in the aforementioned 'Fizzy Pop Cup' and are starting to look the part at last. Forest are not travelling well at present but West Ham have had their fair share of injuries this season too. Expect them to claw their way to a mid-table position before too much longer and possibly push for a European spot by season's end?

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ARE TWO COACHES THE ANSWER?

By HENRY WIZGIER

Extraordinary problems require extraordinary solutions and Australia's recently created problems certainly fit into that category.

On the face of it - it's nothing new. Our biggest problem, the 'player drain' is one that the small footballing powers of Europe as well as the poorer countries of South America have had to live with for decades.

In fact, some have managed to adapt to it rather well - at international level at any rate, to wit, the recent examples of Norway and Ireland in USA 94 and better still, Denmark's amazing conquest of the European Nations Championship, two years earlier in Sweden.

Whenever Brazil or Argentina win a World Cup it's usually with a team that's at least half made up of 'mercenaries' who play their bread and butter game with the rich clubs of Italy, Spain, Germany, France and England.

Nigeria recently won the Olympics with a team made up entirely of European-based players.

But there is one big major difference between those countries and Australia - it's known as the tyranny of distance and only those people who have spent 20 to 30 excruciatingly boring and uncomfortable hours inside a 747 travelling between Australia and Europe, can really understand it. But that, is not even all of it, because after you've arrived there is a period of physical readjustment known as 'jet-lag' which can last for several days. Then there is the 'time-difference' factor as well.

The afore-mentioned small European countries, do not have that problem at all. Whenever Jack Charlton's Ireland played an international, his players could fly in within a matter of a few hours - even if it was an away fixture in far-off Moscow or Istanbul. If Sepp Piontek's Danes were playing at home - almost half his team could drive in to the match from Germany, Holland or France.

With over 100 fully-professional footballers now plying their trade in Europe, Australia has very suddenly joined the ranks of these countries and why on earth should it not be able to emulate their successes? On paper, we are already capable of putting together a team of World 'beaters'.

Ireland defeated Italy at Giants Stadium without a single 'world star' in their line-up. Pat Bonner, Ray Houghton, Roy Keane, Mike McGrath and John Aldridge were all top-class English and Scottish Premier league players. The rest were just everyday professional 'grifters'. Mark Bosnich, Paul Okon, Ned Zelic, Aurelio



Matt Le Tissier: An unpredictable type who needs to be seen to be appreciated.

Vidmar and possibly Damian Mori can match the first group anyway, while an Aussie coach will still have nearly a hundred everyday professional grafters scattered around Western Europe, Croatia and Greece from which to make up the numbers. Make no mistake, this country has enough talent to 'do an Ireland' and beat an Italy - or anyone else - on paper!

But, the game is played on 'grass', not paper and everybody knows that preparation and in the case of International Football - friendly games are vital. These, are an international coaches only training sessions, they are the only times when he can study his players as a team before the moment of truth arrives. He needs to be able to get these players together quickly and keep them for as long as possible. But there is another factor too. This coach needs to be able to watch these players regularly performing for their clubs.

Glen Hoddle only gets his England players together just before an international and so he has most days and weekends to do other things. He could work on his garden every Saturday afternoon or go shopping with his missus - but he wouldn't stay England's coach very long if he did and quite frankly, I wouldn't fancy England's chances of qualifying for France. No, Glen goes to a football mach every Saturday afternoon, keeping a check on

his players form, even the regulars like Alan Shearer but mainly unpredictable types like Matthew Le Tissier or those in the lower divisions like Trevor Sinclair.

This is what every coach in the world does and this is what Australia's new coach has to do. He has to keep an eye on Okon, Bosnich and Zelic but more importantly the unpredictable types such as Aurelio Vidmar or the up-and-coming stars such as Lucas Neill at Millwall. Then there are players like Tony Vidmar who is playing very well at NEC Breda in the Dutch League, but receiving very little notice in Australia. How on earth is a coach going to know how he is playing week in week out, from down here?

Now, if Soccer Australia can find a Superman who is prepared to commute between Australia and Europe every other weekend (the other weekends he has to watch his Ericsson League players), often nip up there on a Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday to watch a European Cup game then fine. Let's have an Aussie-based coach to replace Thommo.

But that of course is nonsense. We have to have a coach based in Europe because we are going to have to take on the World's best with our best eleven and they are all playing in Europe. This coach like any other international coach has to watch these players regularly but also here's another important factor. He has to become known around the traps, to be able to arrange sparring matches whenever there is a round of World Cup or European Championships Qualifying matches and the European domestic leagues are forced into a break. There are always a few countries who have already played earlier and they too would like nothing more than to give their own side a 'sparring' match.

He has to be on hand to fix regular get togethers and training sessions where his players can fly in or even drive in within a matter of hours.

I said at the beginning that an extraordinary situation requires an extraordinary solution and as far as I know, no other country employs two main coaches for their national team. But no other country in the world has the same problem that we do.

This happens to be a view which was recently expressed by a German coach Heinz Marotzke who also suggested that Australia take on two coaches, one in Australia and one based in Europe.

Now for the difficult choice of a European-based coach. He has to know Europe well and be known himself. Furthermore, he has to have a pedigree but most importantly - he has to be paid a 'European salary'.

Weird and Wonderful

By STUART JONES

A request came this week (thanks Con) for a special on Manchester City. So for a week only here is a special club focus.

MANCHESTER CITY

In 1880 West Gorton St Marks was formed, and in 1887 the club merged with Gorton Athletic to become Ardwick FC. They played their games at Hyde Road, and in 1891 joined the Football Alliance which would become the Football League's Division Two the following season. They were introduced into the Football League the same season as rivals Newton Heath, although Heath went straight into Division One.

Ardwick came fifth in 1892/93. In 1894 the club became a limited company, and were renamed Manchester City. In 1899 the side were triumphant in Division Two by six points to win promotion for the first time. They lasted in Division One for three seasons, and after coming last in 1902, returned to the top flight by winning Division Two by three points in 1902/03.

1904 saw the club win the FA Cup. This was the first time two Lancashire teams had met in the final, Bolton and City were the combatants, with the only goal scored after twenty minutes to Meredith of City. It was a great performance to win the Cup in their first final.

City were relegated in 1909 on goal difference, another two goals and they would have remained in the top flight, losing 1-9 to Everton on September 3 of the previous year had meant their downfall. They responded in the best possible way by taking out Division Two by a point over three clubs. Their last seven games that season saw them win only two. At season's end the club made their first European tour.

On 6 November 1920 the Main Stand at the Hyde Road ground burnt down. Despite this setback City came runners up in Division One. On 18 August 1923 City played their last game at Hyde Road before moving to Maine Road. On 25 August, 60,000 people saw City defeat Sheffield United 2-1 at Maine Road's first league match.

In 1926 City lost the FA Cup Final to Bolton and were also relegated from Division One. The following season City won 8-0 against Bradford City in their final game, but still missed out on promotion by 1/200th of a goal to Portsmouth. They scored 108 goals that season. In 1928 City did win promotion, as champions of Division Two, Tom Johnson scoring 38 goals. The club remained in Division One for ten years.

In 1933 the side lost in the FA Cup Final to Everton 0-3. In the following FA Cup campaign 84,569 people, a Maine Road record at the time, saw City beat Stoke 1-0 in the sixth round. The semi final saw City defeat Villa 6-1 and in the Final they beat Portsmouth 2-0. At the end of that game City's 19 year old goalie fainted. In 1937 City won their initial Division One title by three points. The following season they were relegated despite scoring more goals than any other team in the division.

WWII saw the end of Eric Brook's career, he had scored 178 goals for the Citizens. After the war City again won the Division Two title. It was also a season that saw Manchester United play at Maine Road due to bombing damage at Old Trafford. In 1949/50 City were relegated, but won promotion again a season later.

In 1955 City lost to Newcastle 1-3 in the FA Cup Final, but the following year they did win it, defeating Birmingham 3-1 in the final. Bert Trautmann, their goalkeeper, played the latter stages of that Final with what was diagnosed later as a broken neck. In 1958 City finished fifth in Division One, in forty-two games they had scored 104 goals and conceded 100. The next season they avoided relegation by a point.

In 1963 they were relegated, three seasons later winning their sixth Division Two title. From 1965 to 1973 Joe Mercer was manager, and in 1968 he saw his side take the Division One title, helped by some smart purchases like that of Francis Lee from Bolton for 60,000 pounds in October 1967. A season later they defeated Leicester 1-0 to win the FA Cup again.

In 1970 City took home two Cups, the League and European Cup Winners cups. They won the European trophy by defeating Gornik Zabrze 2-1. In 1974 they lost in the League Cup Final to Wolves. They played in five more European campaigns through the 1970s, but never won the trophies. 1976 saw Manchester City beat Newcastle 2-1 in the League Cup Final, and the following season were runners up to Liverpool in Division One.

In 1981 they were Centenary FA Cup finalists but lost to Spurs 2-3 in a replay. In 1983 City were relegated because they had finished third last. In 1985 they came third and so gained a place back in Division One, however in 1987 City were relegated again. In 1989 they gained the second automatic promotion spot by a point. They just avoided relegation in 1994, losing only one of their last ten games. Francis Lee and his consortium took over Manchester City. Lee replaced Peter Swales as chairman.

Under manager Brian Horton, City had won back some respect. However the club dispensed of Horton's services for Alan Ball, who led the side to relegation. He then resigned and many managers were approached until finally Steve Coppell took it on with Phil Neal formerly of Cardiff as his number two. Major renovations on the old Kippax Stand side has made the stadium look terrific. Whether money is available for more players is another matter.

A big thank you to Manchester City who sent me their history in point form to use for this write up. Everyone at Main Road are strong UKSSD supporters. Thanks to everyone there!

Nickname:
Honours:

FA Cup:
League Cup:
ECWC:
Ground:

Citizens, City, Blues
Division One: 1936/37, 1967/68
Division Two: 1898/99, 1902/03, 1909/10, 1927/28, 1946/47, 1965/66
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Some present City Players.

Kit Symons - D - Born Basingstoke 1971, Trainee at Portsmouth. Welsh international even before he joined City.

Steve Lomas - M - Born Hanover 1974. City his only club.

Ian Brightwell - M - Born Lutterworth 1968. Left Congleton Town for the City. Over 250 games for the club.

Georgi Kinkladze - M/F Georgian international player previously at Dynamo Tblisi.

Nicky Summerbee - F - Born Altrincham 1971. Played for Swindon until they were relegated from the Premier when he joined City.

Nigel Clough - F - Born Sunderland 1966. Nottingham Forest player on 300+ occasions scoring over 100 goals. He then played for Liverpool before joining City from the Reserves at Anfield. Former England international.

Uwe Rosler - F - Born 1968 Attenburg. Left Dynamo Dresden for Man City.



Francis "Frannie" Lee: Chairman of Manchester City with UKSSD t-shirt.

UK STORIES

Blackburn keen on Brazilian

Blackburn Rovers, currently lying bottom of the English premier league and without a win this season, have expressed an interest in buying Brazilian striker Bebeto.

Blackburn, looking for a replacement for England striker Alan Shearer who was sold to Newcastle United for a world record \$A30 million, said the 32-year-old South American wanted to move to England from Brazilian club Flamengo.

British newspapers quoted Blackburn manager Ray Harford as saying: "There is no questioning the fact that he is a sensational player, one of the best players in the world."

"It seems he is very keen to come to England. He has seen the likes of Juninho do well over here and believes it offers a new challenge."

Newspaper reports said Harford had been contacted by Bebeto's agent and that the player was expected to cost around \$A10 million in fees and wages. He moved to Flamengo from Spanish side Deportivo Coruna at the end of last season.



Bebeto could end up playing in northern England with Blackburn.

Chelsea lose benefactor

Matthew Harding, vice-chairman of English premier league soccer club Chelsea, was killed in a helicopter crash last Tuesday.

Harding and four other people were killed when their helicopter crashed with no survivors in Cheshire, northern England, on the way back from Chelsea's League Cup match in Bolton.

Police said earlier four men and a woman died in the crash when the helicopter came down in farmland. There was no immediate indication of the cause of the crash.

Harding, a millionaire businessman who was believed to be one of the 50 wealthiest men in Britain, was involved in a public feud with Chelsea chairman Ken Bates last year over control of the



club. it was finally resolved amicably.

Harding, 41, bought the club's Stamford Bridge ground in 1995 for \$A33 million and provided further cash for stadium improvements and new

players.

The cash injection helped the club sign top overseas players such as Italians Gianluca Vialli and Roberto Di Matteo and France's Franck Leboeuf.

SOTON HIT UNITED FOR SIX

While Chelsea's tears flowed for benefactor Matthew Harding and Arsenal extended the hand of friendship to George Graham, Southampton outshone everyone on the pitch on Saturday by scoring six goals against Manchester United.

A hat-trick from Norwegian Egil Ostenstadt, two from Israeli Eyal Berkovic and a chip from Matt Le Tissier gave Southampton a memorable 6-3 win over the champions who have now conceded 11 goals in their last two league matches following their 5-0 defeat at Newcastle the previous week.

Newcastle crashed to an unexpected 2-0 defeat at Leicester while managerless Blackburn came close to its first league win of the season before losing 2-1 at West Ham.

Former Arsenal manager George Graham made an unhappy return to Highbury as his new team Leeds slumped to a 3-0 defeat as goals from Lee Dixon, after just 44 seconds, Dutchman Dennis Bergkamp, five minutes and Ian Wright 56 minutes gave Arsenal victory.

The Gunners went to the top of the league on goal difference as Newcastle, who



Matt Le Tissier: Superb piece of play produced a 'hot' chip, and a goal out of the box.

went into the game at Leicester on the back of Souness's astute new overseas signings, is no longer the sort of team to whom opponents can donate a two-goal start and a one-man advantage.

Berkovic, signed for \$A2.4 million from Maccabi Haifa, two weeks ago, opened the scoring after six minutes, slamming home a rebound.

Le Tissier made it 2-0 after 35 minutes with a brilliant sidestep and chip.

A superbly-struck David Beckham free-kick put United back in the match after 41 minutes but on the stroke of half-time Ostenstadt made it

3-1. David May headed United's second after 56 minutes, before Berkovic made it 4-2 with a stunning volley with only seven minutes to go.

Ostenstadt, signed for \$A1.8 million from Viking Stavanger at the same time as Berkovic, made it 5-2 five minutes from time, Paul Scholes made it 5-3 with two minutes to go before Ostenstadt claimed the match ball, completing his hat-trick with seconds remaining.

"My best friend in Norway is Manchester United-mad," he joked afterwards, "I am going to go and ring him right

away.

"It must have been a great match to watch," he added. The atmosphere at Stamford Bridge was subdued following the death of Harding, Chelsea's 42-year-old multi-millionaire benefactor last Tuesday.

Before the kickoff wreaths and a pint of Guinness, Harding's favourite drink, were placed in the centre-circle and the Chelsea players also laid a special wreath in front of the new north stand which Harding's money helped build and which now bears his name.

The fans of both clubs observed a minute's silence before the kickoff and both sets of players wore black armbands as a mark of respect.

Player-manager Ruud Gullit put Chelsea ahead after 27 minutes and although Spurs' Chris Armstrong levelled four minutes from the break, David Lee, with a 52nd-minute penalty, and Roberto Di Matteo with an 80th-minute clincher, brought the Blues the three points.

Wimbledon, which was trying to tie United's record of eight straight Premier League victories, played a scoreless draw at Middlesbrough but still held on to third place with 21 points.

SHEARER'S GROIN DISRUPTS PLANS

England captain Alan Shearer went under the surgeon's knife last week hoping he can return as soon as possible to spearhead both his club and country's bid for international glory.

Shearer will miss England's World Cup date in Georgia on November 9 and Newcastle's UEFA Cup return leg against Ferencvaros today following surgery to cure a nagging groin problem.

The 26-year-old striker, who has netted three goals in England's two World Cup qualifying matches against Moldova and Poland, may only be sidelined for four to six weeks of the Magpies' assault on the Premiership title.

But England coach Glenn Hoddle will consider that, a small price to pay if a fully-fit Shearer is ready for Italy's crucial visit to Wembley on February 12 next year.

"I had the original operation in May on my left groin and was back playing for England in just over four weeks."

"I felt some twinges around three or four weeks ago and visited the specialist, who confirmed I had a similar problem with my right groin which apparently is not unusual in these cases."

Newcastle had originally thought the \$A30 million striker may be able to



Alan Shearer: Groin operation's success should be back in just over four weeks.

continue playing until the end of the season.

But Shearer said: "The pain has been getting worse in recent games and was really bad during and after the Manchester United game."

He scored his eighth goal of the season in the 5-0 demolition of United at St James' Park.

But Kevin Keegan knows Shearer's lay-off is a major setback in his plans to take the title to Tyneside following last season's runners-up spot.

The Newcastle manager conceded: "It is obviously a

blow for us in the championship race, but we must believe we've a squad deep enough and good enough to compensate."

"He may be out for six weeks, but luckily for us that includes a break in Premiership action because of England's World Cup commitments."

Shearer is also set to miss Newcastle's mouth-watering Coca-Cola Cup fourth round date with North East rivals Middlesbrough at the end of November.

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